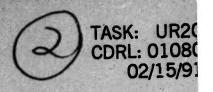
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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document is the User's Manual for the Reusable Graphical Browser developed by TRW, under contract to UNISYS, as a subtask of the STARS User Interface Task (UR20). The Reusable Graphical Browser (also referred to as the Reusable Browser) is a reusable software component designed to facilitate the construction of graphical tools for browsing over the contents of various object management systems. More specifically, it is intended to serve as a basis for constructing such tools quickly and easily using the Ada programming language. The purpose of this Manual is to provide guidance to tool builders using the Reusable Graphical Browser to construct specific graphical browser tools.

1.2 Scope

The User's Manual presents both a conceptual description of the Reusable Graphical Browser and detailed instructions for its reuse. Among other information, it contains complete technical specifications for the application (browser tool) interface provided by the Reusable Graphical Browser and a general description of the user (man-machine) interface implemented by the Reusable Graphical Browser. It does not, however, contain instructions regarding the use of tools constructed from the Reusable Graphical Browser. Such instructions are necessarily application-specific.

1.3 Organization

The main body of this manual consists of three sections. Section 1 is this introduction. Section 2 describes the Reusable Graphical Browser at the conceptual level. Section 3 presents detailed instructions for reuse, and illustrates those instructions with an example.

At the end of the manual are four appendices for quick reference. Appendix A presents Ada package specifications for the application interface. Appendix B describes the user interface, and discusses ways in which it may be tailored for a specific application. Appendix C lists current limitations of the Reusable Graphical Browser. Appendix D defines acronyms used in this manual.

2 Overview of The Reusable Browser

The Reusable Graphical Browser is a reusable software component designed to facilitate the construction of graphical tools for browsing over the contents of various object management systems. It is not, in and of itself, a browser tool. Rather, it is intended to serve as a foundation for constructing such tools using the Ada programming language.

In that capacity, the Reusable Graphical Browser accomplishes the following:

- it reduces development costs for graphical browser tools, by providing a graphical user interface that is easily adaptable to a wide variety of browsing applications;
- it improves maintainability and portability of such tools, by insulating them from the underlying graphics systems;
- it reduces user training costs, by promoting a common "look and feel" across all such tools.

2.1 Architecture

Figure 1 illustrates how the Reusable Graphical Browser fits into the overall architecture of a graphical browser tool. The application, a specific graphical browser tool, relies on services provided by the Reusable Graphical Browser for interaction with the user (i.e., the human). The Reusable Graphical Browser, in turn, relies on services provided by an underlying graphics system (in the current implementation, the X window system) for terminal input and output. In addition, the application relies on services provided by an object management system (OMS) to query and/or manipulate application-specific objects. Note that the Reusable Graphical Browser does not interact directly with the OMS; rather, the application must actively transfer information between the two.

The interface between the application and the Reusable Graphical Browser is termed the "Application Interface". It provides a much higher level of abstraction than the X window system interface. Furthermore, it hides virtually all X window system dependencies from the application. As a result of this high degree of abstraction and information hiding, the Reusable Graphical Browser may be ported to another (comparable) window system with minimal impact on application code. Similarly, migration to later releases of the X window system should also be possible with little or no impact on application code.

The Application Interface is generic with respect to the data types used to represent the objects within the OMS and the relationships among them. Recall that the Reusable Graphical Browser does not interact directly with the OMS, and therefore has no immediate knowledge of the OMS schema. Consequently, it must rely on the application to provide any and all information concerning the structure of data within the OMS. For the most part, the Reusable Graphical Browser doesn't need much of this type of information in order to function. Minimally, it needs enough to be able to identify individual objects and relationships (and also collections of objects and relationships, if the application deals with multiple collections). It may also need some information to distinguish between different kinds of objects and/or relationships, if the application wishes them to be treated differently (e.g., displayed differently). And finally, it may need a way to retrieve the attributes of an object or a relationship, if the application wishes them to be automatically integrated into the screen layout. The application is, therefore, expected to provide the following parameters when instantiating the Application Interface:

• an arbitrary data type for values that uniquely identify objects;

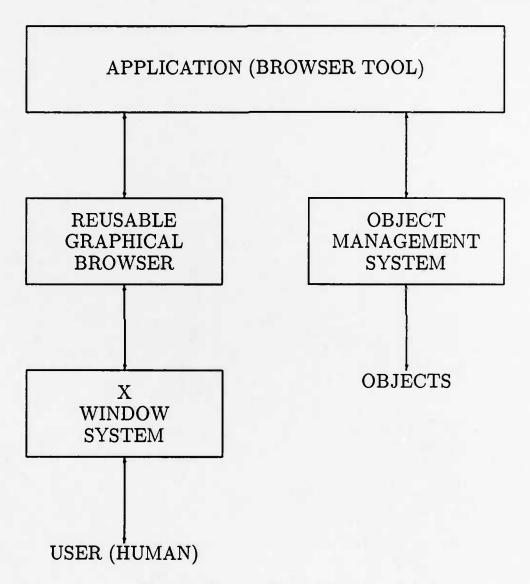


Figure 1: Browser Tool Architecture

- an arbitrary data type for values that uniquely identify relationships;
- an arbitrary data type for values that uniquely identify collections of objects and relationships;
- a scalar data type for values that distinguish different kinds of objects;
- a scalar data type for values that distinguish different kinds of relationships;
- a function for retrieving the attributes of an object;
- a function for retrieving the attributes of a relationship.

This parameterization allows the Reusable Graphical Browser to accommodate a wide range of OMSs. The Application Interface is presented in detail in Appendix A.

The interface between the application and the human operator (henceforth referred to as "the user"), via the the Reusable Graphical Browser and the underlying window system, is termed the "User Interface". It is primarily a graphical interface, although text input and output are also supported to a limited extent. In general, the user interacts with the application using a pointing device (e.g., a mouse) to select various items (buttons, scrollbars, etc.) depicted on a high-resolution graphics display. In X Window System terminology, these items are referred to as "widgets". The window system provides primitive operations for constructing and manipulating widgets. The Reusable Graphical Browser uses these primitive operations to compose more sophisticated widgets, and provides abstract operations for defining and manipulating them at the Application Interface. Some of these widgets are windows in which text can be displayed, or into which text can be typed using a keyboard; this is how text input and output are supported.

The User Interface is tailorable with respect to both presentation style and content, though that tailoring is constrained in order to promote a common "look and feel" across all graphical browser tools. The term "content" refers to what information is presented, whereas the term "presentation style" refers to how it is presented. The ability to tailor presentation style is primarily attributable to facilities provided by the underlying window system. The only capability that the Reusable Graphical Browser, itself, provides in this area is the ability to override the default algorithm for laying out (i.e., positioning) objects and relationships on the screen. The ability to tailor content is attributable to facilities provided directly by the Reusable Graphical Browser at the Application Interface. In particular, it is attributable to the abstract operations provided for defining and manipulating items such as menus, command lists and views. The User Interface is presented in detail in Appendix B.

The combination of a generic Application Interface and a tailorable User Interface is what makes the Reusable Graphical Browser reusable. The generic Application Interface allows the tool builder to integrate the Reusable Graphical Browser with almost any OMS. The tailorable User Interface allows the tool builder to customize, in a constrained way, the appearance and behavior of the application as perceived by the user. In short, these features

provide the flexibility that a tool builder needs to adapt the Reusable Graphical Browser to various browsing applications.

Internally, the Reusable Graphical Browser is partitioned into two layers: an application interface layer, and a window interface layer. The application interface layer implements the Application Interface as a collection of abstract data types and utilities to manipulate them (in the manner of reference [1]). It consists of the following components:

- CALLBACKS abstract data type for application-defined procedures to be invoked in response to user actions;
- MENUS abstract data type for modal menus;
- CMD_LISTS abstract data type for non-modal (continually selectable) commands;
- GRAPHS abstract data type for application-defined graph structures;
- VIEWS abstract data type for graph depiction information;
- TEXT abstract data type for text to be displayed;
- VIEW_UTILITIES utilities for constructing and filtering views;
- LAYOUT_ALGORITHMS utilities for automatically laying-out (assigning display coordinates to) the nodes and arcs in a view;

The window interface layer implements an interface for graphical interaction with the user that is not specific to any particular window system. It serves to encapsulate the details of the underlying window system, thereby promoting portability and maintainability of the Reusable Graphical Browser itself.

2.2 Operation

In general, a graphical browser tool performs three functions:

- 1. it acquires information about the objects managed by the OMS and relationships among them;
- 2. it displays those objects and relationships graphically;
- 3. it allows the user to interact with those objects and relationships through the graphical display.

The Reusable Graphical Browser is mostly concerned with the latter two functions. It relies on the application to acquire information from the OMS. Then, given that information, the

Reusable Graphical Browser is able to display it graphically and allow the user to interact with it. The user's actions are communicated back to the application, which processes them accordingly. After processing each user action, the application returns control to the Reusable Graphical Browser so that the user may further interact with the display.

2.2.1 The ERA Data Model

In order for the application to communicate information about OMS objects and relationships to the Reusable Graphical Browser, a common data model is required. Essentially, the application must present the information in terms that the Reusable Graphical Browser can understand. This is where the Entity-Relationship-Attribute (ERA) data model comes in.

The Reusable Graphical Browser assumes that the information acquired from the OMS can be represented as a set of entities, a set of relationships between those entities, and possibly some attributes associated with individual entities and/or relationships. The entities need not be all of the same kind; the Reusable Graphical Browser allows the application to distinguish between different kinds of entities. The same is true of relationships. Attributes are treated as arbitrary text strings, the contents of which the Reusable Graphical Browser knows nothing about.

One nicety of the ERA data model is that there is a convenient graphical representation for it. In particular, it can be depicted quite elegantly as a directed graph. This is the approach taken by the Reusable Graphical Browser. The entities are depicted as nodes (vertices) of the graph, and the relationships are depicted as arcs (edges) connecting the nodes. One-way relationships are depicted as unidirectional arcs, whereas two-way relationships are depicted as bidirectional arcs. Different kinds of entities and relationships can be distinguished by marking the nodes or arcs with different icons (symbols). In addition, each node and each arc can be individually labelled with a single line of text. Attributes may be displayed as an integral part of the graph as well, though this requires that all attributes to appear in the graph be retrieved before the graph is displayed. Alternatively, they may be retrieved and displayed individually in response to user interactions with the graph.

2.2.2 Graphs

Graphs are the means by which an application communicates the contents of an OMS to the Reusable Graphical Browser. They provide a mapping between entities and relationships in the application domain and corresponding nodes and arcs in the Reusable Browser domain (note that henceforth the terms "node" and "arc" are used in the context of the Reusable Graphical Browser, whereas the terms "entity" and "relationship" are used in the context of the application). An application may define any number of graphs — though one is normally sufficient for most applications. A graph consist of a set of nodes (entities) and a set of arcs (relationships). Depending on the application, it may include the entire contents of the OMS or only a portion thereof.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an abstract data type for graphs, which the application uses to define them. Typically, the application declares an object of the graph data type, invokes a procedure to initialize it, and then invokes procedures to add nodes and arcs to the graph one at a time. For each node and each arc added to the graph, the application must specify a unique identifier mapping it to a corresponding entity or relationship in the application domain. In addition, to allow the Reusable Graphical Browser to distinguish between different kinds of entities and relationships, the application has the option of specifying a node kind or arc kind.

Although graphs contain information about how the arcs and nodes are connected, they do not contain any information about how to depict the individual nodes and arcs or about how the user is supposed to interact with them. That is the purpose of views.

2.2.3 Views

Views are the means by which an application controls the manner of depiction of a graph and the semantics of user interactions with that depiction. They allow the application to control such factors as which nodes and arcs are presented to the user, how they are laid out, how they are labelled, and what actions are taken in response to their selection by the user. An application may construct any number of views for a graph. Each view consists of a subset (not necessarily a proper subset) of the nodes and arcs in the graph, with various depiction and behavior parameters for each one. In addition, each view has a title that is displayed when the view is displayed and a set of commands that may be invoked by the user to operate on the view.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an abstract data type for views, which the application may use to construct them. Using the primitive operations provided by the abstract data type to construct a view can be tedious, however. Thus, a view utility is provided to automate this process. All in all, there are two alternative ways to construct a view:

- 1. using a utility to automatically select nodes and arcs from a graph and insert them into the view;
- 2. directly inserting nodes and arcs from a graph into the view, one at a time.

Regardless of which method is used, the application must first declare an object of the view data type. Using the first method, the application must also instantiate the appropriate view construction utility, providing functions that this utility requires to determine which nodes and arcs to include in the view and what depiction and behavior to assign to them. The application then applies the utility to a graph to produce the desired view.

Using the second method, the application invokes a procedure to initialize the view and then invokes procedures to insert nodes and arcs from the graph into the view one at a time. For each node and each arc inserted into the view, the application must explicitly specify the desired depiction and behavior.

Once a view has been defined, it may be laid out either by invoking an automatic layout algorithm to process the view or by explicitly assigning positions to each and every node and arc in the view on an individual basis. Once a view is laid out, it may be displayed to the user and the user may be allowed to interact with it. Multiple views may be displayed simultaneously, if desired.

Regardless of what layout algorithm an application uses, it is possible for the display to become cluttered with too many arcs and nodes. In order to reduce clutter, the views abstraction provides primitive operations that can be used to suppress or unsuppress individual nodes and arcs from a view's display. For convenience, a view utility that supports the filtering of multiple nodes and arcs in a single operation is also provided. This view utility uses application-defined predicates to determine which nodes and arcs of the view to suppress.

To facilitate navigation over the view, the view abstraction provides a mechanism for displaying the topology of a view alongside the main view display. This mechanism consists of an operation that turns the topology display on or off for a specified view. The portion of the topology display that corresponds to the portion of its associated view visible in the main view display is highlighted. The user can reposition a view within its main view display via interactions with its associated topology display.

2.2.4 Node and Arc Depictions

Nodes and arcs in a view are generally depicted by icons (symbols) that indicate the kind of node or arc. Alternatively, they may be depicted by labels indicating the node kind or arc kind. These icons or labels are normally sensitive to mouse events so that the user may interact with them using the mouse. In addition to an icon or label indicating its kind, each node or arc may (optionally) be depicted with a corresponding label that indicates its individual name. Furthermore, some or all of the attributes of each node or arc may also (optionally) be included in its depiction.

The icons or labels to be used for each kind of node and arc in a view are determined by specifications in an application-defined resource file. These resource specifications may also be used to indicate which kinds of nodes and arcs are to be sensitive to mouse events and which particular mouse events they are to be sensitive to. Other presentation parameters, such as fonts for labels, border widths, border patterns and highlighting styles may be specified via the resource file as well. Although these resource specifications cannot be changed during execution of the application, they may be changed between executions without even having to recompile or relink the application. Further information on resource files and how to use them to tailor the appearance of a browser application is provided in Appendix B.

The optional name labels and attributes associated with individual nodes and arcs in a view are determined differently. Rather than being predetermined by specifications in a resource file, they are determined programatically as each node and each arc is inserted into the view. This is necessary because their determination may require retrieval of information from the OMS. Name labels are determined by the application before it calls the node and

arc insertion procedures, in order that they may be passed as parameters. Attributes, on the other hand, are implicitly obtained by the node and arc insertion procedures via calls to the attribute retrieval functions specified when the browser was instantiated.

2.2.5 Layout Algorithms

Layout algorithms are a means of automatically assigning positions (display coordinates) to each node and each arc in a view. They are implemented as procedures. These procedures calculate the positions of the nodes and arcs in a view based upon their connectivity and depiction specifications. Although layout algorithms are intended to produce aesthetically appealing layouts automatically, they often fall short of the mark. One reason for their shortcomings is that the definition of what is "aesthetically appealing" may vary considerably from one application to another. Another reason is that most of the algorithms are computationally very expensive (in fact, in its most general form, the problem of how to layout a directed graph is NP-complete); for practical applications, tradeoffs often have to be made between aesthetics and performance.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides several predefined layout procedures. These procedures are designed primarily for simplicity and speed, rather than for quality of layout. They are all based on a common algorithm, which is presented in reference [5], but they have improved upon that algorithm somewhat. These layout procedures also make use of a topological sort algorithm based on the one presented in reference [2]. An application may either use the default layout procedures provided by the Reusable Graphical Browser or define layout procedures of its own. It is not required to use the predefined layout procedures.

2.2.6 Command Lists

Command lists are the means by which an application specifies operations to be associated with a view. Each command list consists of a list of commands and subcommands that may be selected by the user at any time while the view is displayed. One command list is associated with each view when the view is created. The command list associated with a view is displayed when the view is displayed, and remains displayed as long as the view remains displayed.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an abstract data type for command lists, which the application uses to define them. Typically, the application declares an object of the command list data type, invokes procedures to initialize it, and then invokes procedures to define individual commands and subcommands one at a time. When initializing a command list, the application must specify the number of commands in the command list and the number of subcommands (if any) for each command. The effects of selecting a particular command or subcommand are determined by an application-defined callback procedure that is invoked when the selection is made. There is only one such procedure for each command list. The application must define this procedure after initializing the command list, but before displaying a view with which the command list is associated. If it fails to do so, the

user's selections from the command list will have no effect.

2.2.7 Menus

Menus are the means by which an application specifies operations to be associated with individual nodes and arcs in a view. In addition, they provide a means by which applications may input parameters for commands or subcommands selected from a command list. Each menu consists of a list of items, any one of which may be selected by the user while the menu is displayed. A menu may be displayed by the application at any time – although the most logical time to display a menu is immediately after the user has selected a node, arc, command or subcommand. The Reusable Graphical Browser supports three different ways of displaying a menu: one associates the menu with a specified node; another associates the menu with a specified arc; the third does not associate the menu with anything. When a menu appears, the user must select an item from it immediately; any other selection is ignored and causes the menu to disappear.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an abstract data type for menus, which the application uses to define them. Typically, the application declares an object of the menu data type, invokes a procedure to initialize it, and then invokes procedures to define the individual items in the menu one at a time. When initializing a menu, the application must specify the title of the menu and the number of items in the menu. The effects of selecting a particular item from the menu are determined by an application-defined callback procedure that is invoked when the selection is made. There is only one such procedure for each menu. The application must define this procedure after initializing the menu, but before displaying the menu. If it fails to do so, the user's selections from the menu will have no effect.

2.2.8 Text Displays

Text displays are the means by which an application displays textual information to the user. These are pop-up displays that the application may create as necessary. They are read-only; their contents cannot be modified directly by the user. An application may use these displays to present the values of attributes, the contents of various files, alert messages, or any other information that makes sense to present as text.

The Reusable Graphical Browser supports two kinds of text displays. One kind of text display, which is intended to display arbitrary text for an indefinite period of time, consists of a scrollable text window with window manager decorations and a "QUIT" button. The window manager decorations allow the user to move, resize, raise, lower or iconify the text display. The "QUIT" button allows the user to erase it altogether. The second kind of text display, which is intended to display alert messages, consists of a scrollable text window with a confirmation button (marked "OK") but no window manager decorations. The user must acknowledge the alert message immediately by selecting the confirmation button. Until the message is acknowledged, all other selections are disabled. Once acknowledged, the message disappears and other selections are reenabled.

The source for the first kind of text display may be either an in-memory buffer or a text file. The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an abstract data type for in-memory text buffers, which the application uses to define them. An abstract data type for text files is already provided by the standard Ada Text I/O facilities. The application may either create text files itself, using these facilities, or may use text files created by other programs (e.g., text editors). The source for the second kind of text display is an ordinary Ada text string.

Changes to the source of a text display are not immediately reflected in the display. Rather, the text display must be erased and redisplayed in order for the changes to become visible.

2.2.9 Dialog Boxes

Dialog boxes are the means by which an application obtains input from the user via the keyboard. These are pop-up displays consisting of a prompt string, a box into which the user may type input, and a pair of buttons for confirming or cancelling the input. Whenever a dialog box is displayed, the user must respond to it immediately; all other selections are disabled until the user has either confirmed or cancelled the input. The user supplies input for a dialog box by typing at the keyboard. When the user is satisfied with the input, he/she selects the confirmation button to transmit the input to the application. If the user decides to cancel the input, he/she selects the cancel button instead; this erases the dialog box without transmitting any input to the application.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an operation associated with text displays that prompts the user for input. This is the operation that displays a dialog box. The keyboard input supplied by the user is transmitted to the application via the event that is generated when the user selects the confirmation button.

2.2.10 Events

Events are the means by which user interactions are communicated to an application. Whenever the user makes a selection, the Reusable Graphical Browser is informed of that selection. It handles some kinds of selections itself (e.g., scrollbar selections). Others are reported to the application. This reporting is accomplished via events.

Events are records containing information that describes the user's selection. Different kinds of events contain different information. For example, the event generated when a user selects the confirmation button on a dialog box contains the input string and its length, whereas the event generated when a user selects a node contains information identifying which node of which view was selected.

An application may choose to receive events in one of two different ways:

1. as input parameters to callback procedures;

2. as output parameters from the browser mainloop.

Using the first method, the application predefines callback procedures to be invoked for every possible event. These callback procedures are then invoked automatically by the Reusable Graphical Browser whenever corresponding events occur. The second method is assumed by default for any events for which no callback has been defined. In this case, the Reusable Graphical Browser returns control to the application via a return from the "browse" procedure. One drawback to the second method is that the application must explicitly reinvoke the "browse" procedure in order to enable subsequent user inputs. Using the first method, user inputs are implicitly reenabled upon exiting the callback procedure.

2.2.11 Callbacks

Callbacks are the means by which an application specifies actions to be taken in response to various user-generated events. A callback is a value that designates a procedure (referred to as the "callback procedure"). This value can be passed between subprograms and stored in data structures just like any other value. Each displayed object that can be selected by a user has a callback value associated with it. That callback value designates the procedure that is to be invoked when the user selects the object.

The Reusable Graphical Browser provides an abstract data type for callbacks, which the application uses to define them. In order to define a callback, the application must instantiate a generic package that imports (as a generic parameter) the name of the callback procedure. That generic package, in turn, exports a function which returns a callback value designating the imported callback procedure.

Once a callback has been defined, it may be associated with objects (e.g., command lists, menus, nodes and arcs) to be displayed. The Reusable Graphical Browser provides procedures to set the callback value for each object.

3 Reusing The Reusable Browser

Recall, from the preceding section, that the Reusable Graphical Browser is intended to serve as a foundation for constructing a wide variety of graphical browser tools using the Ada programming language. Tool builders must, therefore, be provided with a description of how to reuse this software component. This section provides such a description. It begins with a general description of the intended model of reuse for the Reusable Graphical Browser, and concludes with step-by-step instructions describing how to use it to construct graphical browser tools.

3.1 Model of Reuse

The process of adapting the Reusable Graphical Browser to a particular browsing application is a two-part process. One part of the process is to integrate it with a particular OMS. The other part of the process is to tailor the user interface to the application.

The Reusable Graphical Browser takes the form of an Ada generic package. An application integrates it with a particular OMS by instantiating it with OMS-specific data types and subprograms. In particular, the application is required to provide the following parameters at the time of instantiation (though not necessarily in this order):

- a data type for values that uniquely identify entities;
- a data type for values that uniquely identify relationships;
- a data type for values that uniquely identify collections of entities and relationships;
- a data type for values that distinguish different kinds of entities;
- a data type for values that distinguish different kinds of relationships;
- a function for retrieving the attributes of an entity;
- a function for retrieving the attributes of a relationship;
- a function for hashing entity identifiers;
- a function for hashing relationship identifiers.

The following additional parameters may also be required, depending on the datatype:

- a function for determining whether two values identify the same entity;
- a function for determining whether two values identify the same relationship;
- a function for determining whether two values designate the same collection of entities and relationships.

Some of these parameters may not make sense for all applications. In order to get around this problem, applications may specify arbitrary data types or functions for such parameters. For example, an application that has no concept of multiple collections of entities and relationships may specify a data type such as the following for the identifier of a collection:

type collection_id is (anonymous);

(of course, the application can then define only one collection – i.e, only one graph). Similarly, an application that has no concept of attributes of a relationship may specify a function that always returns a null attribute string in place of the function for retrieving the attributes of a relationship. Also, an application that has no need to optimize the translation between OMS entities and relationships and browser nodes and arcs (respectively) may specify functions that always return a value of one (1) for the hash functions.

Once the Reusable Graphical Browser has been instantiated, the application uses facilities provided by the browser instance to display the contents of the OMS and to allow the user to interact with the display. The application first defines one or more graphs using primitive operations provided by the graphs abstraction. Next, it defines views of those graphs using either view construction utilities or primitive operations provided by the views abstraction. In the process of constructing a view, it defines a command list for the view and callbacks for the individual nodes and arcs that make up the view. The command list is defined via primitive operations provided by the command lists abstraction. In the process of defining the command list, the application defines a callback for the command list as well. The callbacks are defined by instantiating a generic callback package provided by the callback abstraction. Once the views have been defined, the application lays them out using either an automatic layout utility or primitive operations provided by the views abstraction. The application may then display a view via another operation provided by the views abstraction. Once a view has been displayed, the application invokes a browse procedure to turn control over to the window system so that the user can interact with the display. The window system notifies the browser instance when the user makes a selection. The browser instance, in turn, notifies the application of the user's selection. If a callback procedure has been defined for the selection, the application is notified by invoking that callback procedure and passing it an event describing the selection. The callback procedure may take any action at all in response to the selection, including actions that modify the display (e.g., displaying a menu). Upon completion of the callback procedure, control is again returned to the window system so that the user may interact further with the display. If no callback procedure has been defined for the selection, the application is notified by returning the event as an "out" parameter from the browse procedure instead. In this case, the application must reinvoke the browse procedure after processing the selection, in order to allow the user to interact further with the display.

The facilities provided by the browser instance give the application extensive control over the dynamic behavior of the user interface. The ability to define the contents of graphs, views, command lists, menus and the like allows the application to specify the information content of the display. The ability to specify the layout and depiction of individual nodes and arcs in a view allows the application to tailor the aesthetic appearance of the display. And lastly, the ability to specify the actions to be taken in response to user selections allows the application to control the sequencing of user interactions.

3.2 Step-By-Step Instructions

Detailed instructions for the tool builder, describing how to use the Reusable Graphical Browser to construct graphical browsing tools, are presented below. These instructions describe only how to design and code such tools – not how to compile and link them (compiling and linking are discussed in the Version Description Document). The instructions are illustrated with code fragments taken from a simple browser tool (a UNIX¹ file system browser) that was developed as a demonstration of the Reusable Graphical Browser. Complete source code for this demonstration program is distributed along with the source code for the Reusable Graphical Browser.

Note that the instructions make frequent reference to items declared in package BROWSER. For convenience, a listing of the specification of that package is included in Appendix A of this manual. The reader is directed to that listing for more complete descriptions of the referenced items.

3.2.1 Step 1: Define Data Types for Instantiation

The first step in constructing a browser tool is to define data types for instantiating the BROWSER package. As indicated in Subsection 3.1, the application must supply five data types when instantiating this package:

- a data type for values that uniquely identify entities;
- a data type for values that uniquely identify relationships;
- a data type for values that uniquely identify collections of entities and relationships;
- a data type for values that distinguish different kinds of entities;
- a data type for values that distinguish different kinds of relationships.

These data types must match the specifications stated in the generic formal part of package BROWSER. Predefined data types may suffice for some of these, though probably not for all of them. Even so, you may still wish to declare subtypes of the predefined types (for example, to make the application code more understandable) rather than use them directly.

The data types specified for the unique identifiers may be anything you desire (scalar types, arrays, records, whatever), provided that they have a sufficient range of values to guarantee uniqueness. Normally, the best idea is to use the same data types that the OMS uses for these identifiers, since the application can then use them to directly query and manipulate the contents of the OMS. There is, however, a performance consideration that you should be aware of concerning the choice of these data types: namely, that the amount of memory (in particular, heap space) used by the application depends somewhat on the amount of memory

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used to store each identifier. This is a consequence of the fact that the Reusable Graphical Browser typically has to store a large number of these identifiers.

The data types specified for distinguishing different kinds of entities and relationships must be scalar types. Enumerated types are typically the best choice for these, although you are free to use integer or character types if you so desire.

If any of these required data types does not have meaning for your particular application, you may supply some arbitrary type when instantiating the browser – subject to the constraints described above. The predefined data types are often handy for these situations.

An example, showing how the UNIX file system browser defines data types for instantiating the BROWSER package, is given below:

```
-- Excerpt from application/browser_params.a:
2
3
   subtype file_id is file_system.infoptr; -- Identified by file system info
4
5
  type link_id is -- Identified by source and destination file IDs
6
     record
7
       source : file_id;
8
       dest : file_id;
9
     end record;
10
11
    type file_kind is (file, directory, other); -- Kinds of UNIX file system
12
                                                 -- entities
13
14 type link_kind is (structural); -- Kinds of UNIX file system relationships
15
                                    -- (only one)
```

The UNIX file system browser declares the type "file_id" to uniquely identify objects maintained by the UNIX file system. The identifier, in this case, is an access value that designates a record containing information about the object. That information is obtained from the UNIX file system when the browser tool is activated. This browser tool also declares the type "file_kind" to distinguish between different kinds of objects maintained by the UNIX file system. Similarly, the type "link_id" is declared to uniquely identify relationships between these objects and the type "link_kind" is declared to distinguish between different kinds of relationships. As you can see, this browser tool defines only one kind of relationship; so all relationships that the tool deals with must be of this one kind. It uses a predefined type for the other data type required to instantiate the BROWSER package.

3.2.2 Step 2: Define Subprograms for Instantiation

The second step in constructing a browser tool is to define subprograms that are required for instantiation of the BROWSER package. As indicated in Subsection 3.1, the application

must supply four such subprograms:

- a function for retrieving the attributes of an entity;
- a function for retrieving the attributes of a relationship;
- a function for hashing entity identifiers;
- a function for hashing relationship identifiers.

If any of the identified datatypes is an access type or a private type, additional functions must be defined to compare values of these types:

- a function for determining whether two values identify the same entity;
- a function for determining whether two values identify the same relationship;
- a function for determining whether two values designate the same collection of entities and relationships.

These subprograms must match the specifications stated in the generic formal part of package BROWSER.

The functions for retrieving attributes are only necessary if the Reusable Graphical Browser is to automatically display the attributes for nodes and arcs when displaying a view. If this is not the case for your application, simply provide functions that always return a null attribute string. If, on the other hand, your application does require that the attributes for nodes and arcs be automatically displayed along with the view, you must provide functions that retrieve those attributes from the OMS and format them into a single text string. That string may contain ASCII linefeed (LF) characters to separate individual lines of text.

Similarly, the functions for hashing identifiers are not necessary for all applications. In particular, they are only necessary for applications that deal with a large number of entities and/or relationships. If your application falls into that category, you must provide hashing functions that transform the identifiers into integers between one and the number of hash buckets (inclusive). If not, simply provide functions that always return a value of one (1).

An example, showing how the UNIX file system browser defines subprograms for instantiating the BROWSER package, is given below:

```
-- Excerpts from application/browser_params_b.a:

function get_attributes ( -- Return attributes of node
the_node: file_id -- Node ID

return string is
```

```
7 begin
8
10 -- Just return nothing
11 ----
12
13
   return "";
14
15 end get_attributes;
16 -----
17 function hash (
                                      -- Hash node ID to a bucket number
18
     the_node: file_id;
                                      -- Node ID
19
                                     -- Number of buckets
     number_of_buckets: positive
20 ) return positive is
21
22 begin
23
24 ----
25 -- Return the inode value modulo the number of buckets
26 ----
27
28
     return ( positive ( the_node.sbuf.st_ino ) mod number_of_buckets ) + 1;
29
30 end hash;
32 function get_attributes ( -- Return attributes of arc 33 the_arc: link_id -- Arc ID
34 ) return string is
35
36 begin
37
38 ----
39 -- Just return nothing
40 ----
41
42
  return "";
43
44 end get_attributes;
45 -----
46 function hash (
                               -- Hash arc ID to a bucket number
47 the_arc:
                     link_id; -- Arc ID
48
     number_of_buckets: positive -- Number of buckets
49 ) return positive is
50
51 begin
```

```
52
53 ----
54 -- Return the inode value of the destination file modulo the number of buckets
55 ----
56
57 return ( positive ( the_arc.dest.sbuf.st_ino ) mod number_of_buckets ) + 1;
58
59 end hash;
```

The functions for retrieving attributes are not necessary for this application. Therefore, functions that return null attribute string have been provided. The functions for hashing identifiers were easily constructed by applying modulo arithmetic to the unique identifiers that UNIX uses to identify the files.

3.2.3 Step 3: Instantiate The BROWSER Package

The third step in constructing a browser tool is to instantiate the BROWSER package. This is done by declaring an instance of the generic BROWSER package and supplying the required generic parameters. The BROWSER package has seven formal generic parameters that are required for instantiation and three that are optional. These parameters are matched by data types and functions that were defined in steps 1 and 2 – provided that you have performed those steps correctly.

An example, showing how the UNIX file system browser instantiates the generic BROWSER package, is given below:

```
-- Excerpt from application/browser_instance.a:
2
3
   with browser;
4
   with browser_params;
5
6
  package browser_instance is new browser (
                                                            -- Graph ID
       graph_id =>
7
                               integer,
8
                                                            -- Equality operator
   -- designates_same_graph => standard."=",
9
                                                            -- Node ID
       node_id =>
                               browser_params.file_id,
10
                                browser_params.file_kind,
                                                             -- Node kind
        node_kind =>
                                                             -- Equality operator
11
        designates_same_node => browser_params."=",
                                                             -- Hash of node ID
12
        hash_of_node =>
                                browser_params.hash,
13
        arc_id =>
                                browser_params.link_id,
                                                             -- Arc ID
                                                             -- Arc kind
14
        arc_kind =>
                                browser_params.link_kind,
                                browser_params.hash,
                                                             -- Hash of arc ID
15
        hash_of_arc =>
        designates_same_arc => browser_params."="
                                                             -- Equality operator
16
17 );
```

Note that the predefined data type, integer, is specified as the data type for unique identifiers of collections of entities and relationships (graphs). This choice of data types is arbitrary. The UNIX file system browser, having no need to communicate with the OMS (in this case UNIX) concerning collections of entities and relationships, simply uses a predefined type out of convenience. The other data types specified for instantiation of the BROWSER package were defined in step 1. The specified functions were defined in step 2.

3.2.4 Step 4: Define Graphs

The fourth step in constructing a browser tool is to communicate the contents of the OMS to the Reusable Graphical Browser. This is accomplished by defining one or more graphs representing collections of entities and relationships contained in (i.e., managed by) the OMS. First, declare the graphs as objects of type

browser_instance>.graphs.graph_type (where

browser_instance> denotes the name that you have given to your instance of the BROWSER package). These are the objects that you pass to subprograms that operate on graphs. Next, initialize these graph objects by calling the

browser_instance>.graphs. create_graph procedure for each one. The "estimated_nodes" and "estimated_arcs" parameters for this procedure are optional; they are only useful for applications that instantiate the BROWSER package with actual hash functions. After initializing the graphs, add individual entities (nodes) and relationships (arcs) to them by calling the

browser_instance>.graphs.add_node and

browser_instance>.graphs.add_arc procedures, respectively.

The following example illustrates this process by showing how the UNIX file system browser defines a graph for the contents of the directory hierarchy rooted at the current working directory. Before defining the graph, the UNIX file system browser first preserves the contents of that directory hierarchy. It does so by querying the UNIX file system and recording the information in an internal data structure. Once the contents of the directory hierarchy have been recorded in the internal data structure, a function is invoked to traverse that data structure and use the information contained therein to define a graph. That function is the "make_graph" function, listed below. The "make_graph" function makes use of the "addanode" function, also listed below, to add individual nodes and arcs to the graph.

```
-- Excerpts from application/utilities_b.a:
2
3
   procedure addanode (
4
                    in out browser_instance.graphs.graph_type;
       graph:
5
       node:
                    in out browser_instance.graphs.node_type;
6
       parent:
                    in
                           file_system.infoptr
7
   ) is
8
9
                                                      -- Child object of interest
       curr:
                    file_system.infoptr;
10
                                                               -- Created node
                     browser_instance.graphs.node_type;
        kid:
11
                     browser_instance.graphs.arc_type;
                                                               -- Created arc
        arc:
12
```

```
begin
13
14
15
16
   -- Walk through the children
17
18
19
        curr := parent.child;
20
        while curr /= NULL
21
        loop
22
23 ----
24 -- Create the child node
25
26
            browser_instance.graphs.add_node (
27
28
                the_node =>
                                kid,
                with_id =>
29
                                 curr,
                                browser_instance.graphs.node_name ( curr.name ),
30
                with_name =>
                                to_file_kind (curr.sbuf.st_mode.s_ifmt),
31
                of_kind =>
                                 graph );
32
                to_graph =>
33
34
35
    -- Add an arc between the parent and this node
36
37
38
            browser_instance.graphs.add_arc (
39
                the_arc =>
                                 arc,
40
                with_id =>
                                 browser_params.link_id'(parent, curr),
                from_node =>
41
                                 node,
42
                to_node =>
                                 kid,
                                 graph );
43
                to_graph =>
44
45
            arc_count := arc_count - 1;
46
47
    -- Recurse if this is a directory
48
49
    ----
50
            if file_system."/="(curr.child, NULL) then
51
                 addanode ( graph, kid, curr );
52
53
            end if;
54
55
            curr := curr.next;
56
        end loop;
57
```

```
end addanode;
58
59
60
   function make_graph (
61
        root:
                  in
                           file_system.infoptr
62
  ) return browser_instance.graphs.graph_type is
63
                                                          -- Graph object created
64
        graph:
                    browser_instance.graphs.graph_type;
                    browser_instance.graphs.node_type;
                                                         -- Node object created
65
        node:
66
67
   begin
68
   --- Set initial arc count for assigning unique arc IDs:
69
70
71
        arc_count := file_system.arc_count;
72
73
74
   -- Create the graph object
75
76
77
        browser_instance.graphs.create_graph (
78
            the_graph =>
                                    graph,
79
            with_id =>
                                    1,
80
            estimated_arcs =>
                                   positive (file_system.arc_count + 1),
81
            estimated_nodes =>
                                  positive ( file_system.node_count ) );
82
83
   -- Now create the root node
84
85
86
87
        browser_instance.graphs.add_node (
88
            the_node =>
                                    node,
            with_id =>
89
                                    root,
90
                                   browser_instance.graphs.node_name ( root.name ),
            with_name =>
91
            of_kind =>
                                   to_file_kind(root.sbuf.st_mode.s_ifmt),
92
            to_graph =>
                                   graph );
93
94
   -- Create the rest of the graph from this node's children
96
97
98
        addanode (graph, node, root);
99
100
         return graph;
101
102 end make_graph;
```

3.2.5 Step 5: Define Views of Each Graph

The fifth step in constructing a browser tool is to define one or more views of each graph. Each view delineates a subset of the graph's nodes and arcs to be displayed, and indicates the manner in which individual nodes and arcs are to be depicted. Each view also specifies, via callbacks, the behavior of the application in response to selection of these nodes and arcs by the user. Furthermore, each view provides a list of commands that the user may select to perform operations on the view.

As mentioned in the preceding section, there are two alternative methods that can be used to define views.

- 1. use a utility to automatically select nodes and arcs from a graph and insert them into the view;
- 2. directly insert nodes and arcs from a graph into the view, one at a time.

Before you can define a view, you must decide which of these methods to use. Depending on the application, one method may be more appropriate than another.

Regardless of which method you use, you will have to declare an object of type

instance>.views.view_type (where

browser_instance> denotes the name that you've given to your instance of the BROWSER package) to represent each view. These are the objects that you pass to subprograms that operate on views.

If you use one of the utilities provided by the

browser_instance>.view_utilities package (i.e., the first method) to construct the view, you will have to instantiate the utility before using it. This is necessary because the view construction utilities are generic. The utility for constructing a view from a graph requires eight generic parameters:

- a function that determines whether or not to include a given node from a graph;
- a function that determines the label for a given node;
- a function that determines the attributes for a given node;
- a function that determines the callback value for a given node;
- a function that determines whether or not to include a given arc from a graph;
- a function that determines the label for a given arc;
- a function that determines the attributes for a given arc;
- a function that determines the callback value for a given arc.

These functions must be defined before the view utility can be instantiated.

In order to define functions that determine callback values for the nodes and arcs of a view, you first have to define all of the callback procedures that may be invoked in response to selection of the nodes and arcs by the user. These procedures must either be declared as Ada library units or as subprograms in the outermost scope of a package that is itself a library unit. Once you have declared the callback procedures, you have to declare an instance of the

browser_instance>.callbacks.callback package for each of them. The callback value designating a particular callback procedure can then be obtained by invoking the function exported by the corresponding instance of the callback package.

You will also have to define a command list before defining the view. Every view has a command list associated with it. To define a command list, first declare an object of type

browser_instance>.cmd_lists.cmd_list_type.

Then, call the

stance>.cmd_lists.create_cmd_list procedure to initialize the command list. Also, if there are to be subcommands for any of the commands in the command list, call the

browser_instance>.cmd_lists.create_subcmd_list procedure to initialize the subcommand list for each command. Then, call the

browser_instance>.cmd_lists.set_subcmd procedure to define the individual commands and subcommands, respectively.

To define a view using the first method, first declare an object of type

browser_instance>. views.view_type. Then, invoke an appropriate instance of the

browser_instance>.view_utilities.construct_view procedure to construct the desired view of a graph. When invoking this procedure, you must specify four parameters:

- the view object for the view to be constructed;
- the graph object for the graph to use as input;
- the command list object for the command list to be associated with the view;
- a title for the view.

There are also two optional parameters that may be provided to improve performance in conjunction with a hashing function:

- the estimated number of arcs in the view;
- the estimated number of nodes in the view.

These are only estimates; they need not be exact. They are used to determine the number of hash buckets for the view.

To define a view using the second method, also declare an object of type
 browser_instance>. views.view_type. Then, instead of invoking a view utility, invoke the
 browser_instance>.

views.create_view procedure to initialize the view object. When invoking this procedure, you must specify the graph that the view is to be a view of, the command list to be associated with the view and a title for the view. You may also (optionally) specify the estimated number of arcs and nodes in the view, in order to improve performance. You may then insert individual nodes and arcs from the graph into the view by calling the

cbrowser_instance>.views.insert_node
procedure to insert each node and the

cbrowser_instance>.views.insert_arc
procedure to insert each arc.

The following example illustrates the first method described above, by showing how the UNIX file system browser defines two of its views. Before defining the view, the UNIX file system browser defines functions for instantiating the view construction utilities. But before even defining these functions, it must first define all of the callbacks for the nodes and arcs of the view. The callbacks for nodes and arcs are defined as follows:

```
1
   -- Excerpts from application/callbacks_b.a
2
  procedure process_node_selection (
4
       to_process_event:
                               in browser_instance.event_ptr
  );
5
6
7
  procedure process_arc_selection (
8
       to_process_event:
                               in browser_instance.event_ptr
9):
10
11
    package node_selection is new browser_instance.callbacks.callback (
12
                                process_node_selection
        the_procedure =>
13
   );
14
15
    package arc_selection is new browser_instance.callbacks.callback (
16
        the_procedure =>
                                process_arc_selection
17 ):
```

The functions for instantiating the view construction utilities are defined as shown below:

```
12
                                 browser_instance.graphs.node_type
        the_node:
13
    ) return browser_instance.views.node_label is
14
15
        leaf:
                                     file_system.infoptr;
16
17
    begin
18
        leaf := browser_instance.graphs.id_of ( the_node );
19
20
        case leaf.sbuf.st_mode.s_ifmt is
21
22
        when stat.s_unknown =>
23
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name & '?' );
24
25
        when stat.s_ififo =>
26
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name );
27
28
        when stat.s_ifchr =>
29
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name );
30
31
        when stat.s_ifdir =>
32
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name & '/' );
33
34
        when stat.s_ifblk =>
35
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name );
36
37
        when stat.s_ifreg =>
38
            if leaf.sbuf.st_mode.s_iexecu or else
39
                leaf.sbuf.st_mode.s_iexecg or else
40
                leaf.sbuf.st_mode.s_iexeco then
41
                return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name & '*' );
42
            else
43
                return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name );
44
            end if;
45
46
        when stat.s_iflnk =>
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name & '0' );
47
48
49
        when stat.s_ifsock =>
50
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name & '=' );
51
52
        when others =>
53
            return browser_instance.views.node_label ( leaf.name );
54
55
        end case;
56
```

```
57
  end file_name;
58
59 function no_attributes (
60
     the_node:
                         browser_instance.graphs.node_type
61 ) return browser_instance.views.attributes is
62 begin
63
      return "";
64 end no_attributes;
65 -----
66 function node_action (
67
    the_node:
                        browser_instance.graphs.node_type
68 ) return browser_instance.callbacks.callback_type is
69
70 begin
71
      return callbacks.node_callback;
72 end node_action;
73 -----
74 function always_true (
75
      the_arc:
                         browser_instance.graphs.arc_type
76 ) return boolean is
77
78 begin
79
      return true;
80 end always_true;
81 -----
82 function no_label (
83
     the_arc:
                         browser_instance.graphs.arc_type
84 ) return browser_instance.views.arc_label is
85
86 begin
      return "";
87
88 end no_label;
89 ------
90 function arc_attributes (
91
      the_arc:
                         browser_instance.graphs.arc_type
92 ) return browser_instance.views.attributes is
93 arc_id : browser_params.link_id
94
          := browser_instance.graphs.id_of (the_arc);
95 begin
96
      return browser_instance.views.attributes(
97
                  "Source: " & arc_id.source.name & ascii.lf &
98
                  "Dest: " & arc_id.dest.name);
99 end arc_attributes;
100 -----
101 function arc_action(
```

```
102
                               browser_instance.graphs.arc_type
        the_arc:
103 ) return browser_instance.callbacks.callback_type is
104
105 begin
106
        return callbacks.arc_callback;
107 end arc_action;
108 -----
109 function is_directory (
110
        the_node:
                               browser_instance.graphs.node_type
111 ) return boolean is
112 begin
113
        return browser_instance.graphs.kind_of(the_node) = directory;
114 end is_directory;
115 -----
116 function dest_is_directory (
117
        the_arc:
                               browser_instance.graphs.arc_type
118 ) return boolean is
119 begin
120
        return browser_instance.graphs.kind_of(
121
          browser_instance.graphs.destination_of(the_arc)) = directory;
122 end dest_is_directory;
The view construction utilities are then instantiated as follows:
1 -- Excerpts from application/utilities_b.a:
2
3 procedure construct_view_of_all_files is
4
    new browser_instance.view_utilities.construct_view (
5
      include_node =>
                             always_true,
6
      label_for_node =>
                             file_name,
7
      attributes_for_node => no_attributes,
8
      action_for_node =>
                             node_action,
9
      include_arc =>
                             always_true,
10
      label_for_arc =>
                             no_label,
11
       attributes_for_arc => arc_attributes,
12
       action_for_arc =>
                            arc_action
13
     );
14
15
   procedure construct_view_of_directories is
16
     new browser_instance.view_utilities.construct_view (
     new browser_instance.view_utilities.construct_view (
17
18
       include_node =>
                              is_directory,
19
       label_for_node =>
                              file_name,
20
       attributes_for_node => no_attributes,
21
       action_for_node =>
                              node_action,
```

```
include_arc =>
22
                                dest_is_directory,
23
        label_for_arc =>
                                no_label,
24
        attributes_for_arc =>
                                arc_attributes,
25
        action_for_arc =>
                                arc_action
26
      );
Finally, the views are constructed by invoking the view construction utilities like so:
1 -- Excerpt from application/utilities_b.a:
3 procedure make_full_view (
                                   -- Make a view showing all files/directories
4
                   in out browser_instance.views.view_type; -- The view to make
       view :
5
                           browser_instance.graphs.graph_type; -- To make it from
       graph:
                   in
6
       cmd_list: in
                           browser_instance.cmd_lists.cmd_list_type -- For the view
7 ) is
8 begin
9
10
        construct_view_of_all_files (the_view => view,
11
                                     of_graph => graph,
12
                                     with_cmd_list => cmd_list,
13
                                     with_title => "All Files",
14
                                     estimated_arcs => file_system.arc_count,
15
                                     estimated_nodes => file_system.node_count);
16
17
    end make_full_view;
18
19 procedure make_dir_view (
                                  -- Make a view showing directories only
                    in out browser_instance.views.view_type; -- The view to make
20
        view :
21
                            browser_instance.graphs.graph_type; -- To make it from
                    in
        graph:
22
                            browser_instance.cmd_lists.cmd_list_type -- For the view
        cmd_list: in
23
   ) is
24 begin
25
26
        construct_view_of_directories (the_view => view,
27
                                       of_graph => graph,
28
                                       with_cmd_list => cmd_list,
29
                                       with_title => "Directories Only",
30
                                       estimated_arcs => file_system.arc_count,
31
                                       estimated_nodes => file_system.node_count);
32
33 end make_dir_view;
34
35 -- Excerpt from application/main.a
36
        -- Create a view of all files (and directories, etc.).
37
```

```
38
39
        utilities.make_full_view (
40
            view =>
                         globals.full_vista,
41
            graph =>
                         graph,
42
            cmd_list =>
                            static_cmds.full_view_cmd_list);
43
44
        -- Create a view of only the directories.
45
46
        utilities.make_dir_view (
47
            view =>
                         globals.dir_vista,
48
            graph =>
                         graph,
49
                            static_cmds.dir_view_cmd_list);
            cmd_list =>
```

The command lists that are specified in the calls to the view construction utilities are static, so the UNIX file system browser has predefined them during elaboration of the static_cmds package. This is done by the following sequence of statements in the package body:

```
1
   -- Excerpts from application/static_cmds_b.a
2
3 with browser_instance;
4 with callbacks;
5 pragma elaborate (callbacks);
  package body static_cmds is
7
8
     package cmd_lists renames browser_instance.cmd_lists;
9
10
   begin
11
12
      -- Initialize all static command lists
13
14
      init_initial_cmd_list:
15
      declare
16
        the_cmd_list : cmd_lists.cmd_list_type renames initial_cmd_list;
17
        the_callback : constant browser_instance.callbacks.callback_type
18
                      := browser_instance.callbacks.no_callback;
19
        n_cmds
                      : constant := 2;
20
        item_1
                      : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Select View";
21
        item_2
                      : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Quit";
22
      begin
23
        -- Create the cmd_list object.
24
        cmd_lists.create_cmd_list(the_cmd_list, n_cmds);
25
        -- Set up the cmd_list callback.
26
        cmd_lists.set_action(the_cmd_list, the_callback);
27
        -- Set the commands.
28
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 1,
```

```
29
                               to_value => item_1);
30
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 2,
31
                               to_value => item_2);
32
      end init_initial_cmd_list;
33
34
      init_full_view_cmd_list:
35
      declare
36
        the_cmd_list : cmd_lists.cmd_list_type renames full_view_cmd_list;
37
        the_callback : constant browser_instance.callbacks.callback_type
38
                      := callbacks.full_view_cmd_list_callback;
39
        n_cmds
                      : constant := 3;
40
        item_1
                      : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Filter View";
41
        item_2
                      : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Topology";
42
                      : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Quit";
        item_3
43
      begin
44
        -- Create the cmd_list object.
45
        cmd_lists.create_cmd_list(the_cmd_list, n_cmds);
46
        -- Set up the cmd_list callback.
47
        cmd_lists.set_action(the_cmd_list, the_callback);
48
        -- Set the commands.
49
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 1,
50
                               to_value => item_1);
51
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 2,
52
                               to_value => item_2);
53
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 3,
54
                               to_value => item_3);
55
        -- Initialize subcommand lists.
56
        declare
57
          cmd_index : constant := 1; -- Filter View
58
          n_subcmds : constant := 3;
59
          subitem_1 : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Suppress Files";
60
          subitem_2 : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Unsuppress Files";
61
          subitem_3 : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Unsuppress All";
62
        begin
63
          -- Create the subcommand list.
64
          cmd_lists.create_subcmd_list(the_cmd_list, cmd_index, n_subcmds);
65
          -- Set the subcommands.
66
          cmd_lists.set_subcmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => cmd_index,
67
                                  the_subcmd => 1,
68
                                  to_value => subitem_1);
69
          cmd_lists.set_subcmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => cmd_index,
70
                                  the_subcmd => 2,
71
                                  to_value => subitem_2);
72
          cmd_lists.set_subcmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => cmd_index,
73
                                  the_subcmd => 3,
```

```
74
                                 to_value => subitem_3);
75
        end;
76
      end init_full_view_cmd_list;
77
78
      init_dir_view_cmd_list:
79
      declare
80
        the_cmd_list : cmd_lists.cmd_list_type renames dir_view_cmd_list;
81
        the_callback : constant browser_instance.callbacks.callback_type
82
                      := callbacks.dir_view_cmd_list_callback;
83
        n_cmds
                     : constant := 3;
84
                     : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Filter View";
        item_1
85
                     : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Topology";
        item_2
86
        item_3
                      : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Quit";
87
      begin
88
        -- Create the cmd_list object.
89
        cmd_lists.create_cmd_list(the_cmd_list, n_cmds);
90
        -- Set up the cmd_list callback.
91
        cmd_lists.set_action(the_cmd_list, the_callback);
92
        -- Set the commands.
93
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 1,
94
                               to_value => item_1);
95
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 2,
96
                               to_value => item_2);
97
        cmd_lists.set_cmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => 3,
98
                               to_value => item_3);
99
        -- Initialize subcommand lists.
100
         declare
101
           cmd_index : constant := 1; -- Filter View
102
           n_subcmds : constant := 1;
103
           subitem_1 : constant cmd_lists.cmd_item := "Unsuppress All";
104
         begin
105
           -- Create the subcommand list.
           cmd_lists.create_subcmd_list(the_cmd_list, cmd_index, n_subcmds);
106
107
           -- Set the subcommands.
108
           cmd_lists.set_subcmd(in_cmd_list => the_cmd_list, the_cmd => cmd_index,
109
                                  the_subcmd => 1.
110
                                  to_value => subitem_1);
111
         end;
112
       end init_dir_view_cmd_list;
113
114 end static_cmds;
```

3.2.6 Step 6: Lay Out Each View

The sixth step in constructing a browser tool is to lay out each view in preparation for displaying it. The process of laying out a view consists of setting its orientation and assigning positions (actually display coordinates) to each of the nodes and arcs in the view. This is typically accomplished by applying an automatic layout algorithm to the view. The Reusable Graphical Browser predefines utilities that implement four different variations of one particular layout algorithm. If these predefined layout utilities are suitable for your needs, you may use them. If not, you can define your own layout utilities using primitive operations provided by the
browser_instance>.views package.

The following is an implementation of the original layout algorithm on which the predefined layout utilities for the Reusable Graphical Browser are based. It is a good example of how to use the facilities provided by the
browser_instance>.views package to define a layout utility. This implementation is not suitable as a layout utility itself, however, because it does not lay out arcs.

```
1
       procedure isi_grapher (the_view : in out views.view_type) is
2
3
         -- An implementation of the original layout algorithm on which the
4
         -- Reusable Graphical Browser's predefined layout utilities are based.
5
         -- This is a literal implementation of the algorithm stated in a
6
         -- research report by Gabriel Robins entitled, "The ISI Grapher:
7
         -- A Portable Tool for Displaying Graphs Pictorially," reprinted from
8
         -- Proceedings of Symboliikka '87, held in Helsinki, Finland, August
9
         -- 17-18, 1987. It is available from Information Sciences Institute
10
          -- (ISI), 4676 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292-6695, as
11
          -- Report No. ISI/RS-87-196.
12
13
          -- Data Objects:
14
15
          x_pad : constant := 30; -- amount of horizontal spacing between nodes
16
          last_y : natural := 0;
17
          orientation : constant views.orientation_type := views.horizontal;
18
19
          -- Specs for procedures needed to instantiate generics:
20
21
          procedure zero_y_and_continue (the_node : in views.node_type;
22
                                          continue : out boolean);
23
24
          procedure zero_x_and_continue (the_node : in views.node_type;
25
                                          continue : out boolean);
26
27
          procedure layout_a_child (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
28
                                     continue : out boolean);
```

```
29
30
          procedure layout_a_parent (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
31
                                     continue : out boolean);
32
33
          procedure layout_y_if_root (the_node : in views.node_type;
34
                                      continue : out boolean);
35
36
          procedure layout_x_if_leaf (the_node : in views.node_type;
37
                                      continue : out boolean);
38
39
          procedure layout_y (the_node : in views.node_type);
40
41
          procedure layout_x (the_node : in views.node_type);
42
43
          -- Generic Instantiations:
44
45
          procedure zero_y_for_all_nodes is
46
            new views.iterate_nodes(visit => zero_y_and_continue);
47
48
          procedure zero_x_for_all_nodes is
49
            new views.iterate_nodes(visit => zero_x_and_continue);
50
51
          procedure layout_y_for_children_of_node is
52
            new views.iterate_arcs_from (visit *> layout_a_child);
53
54
          procedure layout_x_for_parents_of_node is
55
            new views.iterate_arcs_to (visit => layout_a_parent);
56
57
          procedure layout_y_for_all_roots is
            new views.iterate_nodes (visit => layout_y_if_root);
58
59
60
          procedure layout_x_for_all_leaves is
61
            new views.iterate_nodes (visit => layout_x_if_leaf);
62
63
          -- Procedure and Function Bodies:
64
65
          procedure zero_y_and_continue (the_node : in views.node_type;
66
                                          continue : out boolean) is
67
          begin
68
            views.set_position (of_node => the_node,
69
              to_position => (views.get_position(the_node).x_coordinate,0));
70
            continue := true;
71
          end zero_y_and_continue;
72
73
          procedure zero_x_and_continue (the_node : in views.node_type;
```

```
74
                                           continue : out boolean) is
75
          begin
76
            views.set_position (of_node => the_node,
77
              to_position => (0, views.get_position(the_node).y_coordinate));
78
             continue := true;
79
          end zero_x_and_continue;
80
81
          function is_a_root (the_node : views.node_type) return boolean is
82
          begin
83
            return views.number_of_arcs_to(the_node) = 0;
84
          end is_a_root;
85
86
          function is_a_leaf (the_node : views.node_type) return boolean is
87
          begin
88
            return views.number_of_arcs_from(the_node) = 0;
89
          end is_a_leaf;
90
91
          procedure layout_y_if_root (the_node : in views.node_type;
92
                                      continue : out boolean) is
93
          begin
94
            if is_a_root(the_node) then
95
              layout_y(the_node);
96
            end if:
97
             continue := true;
98
          end layout_y_if_root;
99
100
           procedure layout_x_if_leaf (the_node : in views.node_type;
101
                                       continue : out boolean) is
102
           begin
103
              if is_a_leaf(the_node) then
104
               layout_x(the_node);
105
              end if;
106
             continue := true;
107
           end layout_x_if_leaf;
108
109
           procedure layout_a_child (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
110
                                      continue : out boolean) is
111
             child : views.node_type := views.destination_of (the_arc);
112
           begin
113
             layout_y (the_node => child);
114
             continue := true;
115
           end layout_a_child;
116
117
           procedure layout_a_parent (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
118
                                      continue : out boolean) is
```

```
119
             parent : views.node_type := views.source_of(the_arc);
120
           begin
121
             layout_x (the_node => parent);
122
             continue := true;
123
           end layout_a_parent;
124
125
           function has_any_unlayed_out_children(the_node : views.node_type)
126
                                              return boolean is
127
             result : boolean := false;
128
             procedure check_child (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
129
                                      continue : out boolean) is
130
               child : views.node_type := views.destination_of (the_arc);
131
             begin
132
               if views.get_position(child).y_coordinate = 0 then
133
                 result := true:
134
                 continue := false;
135
               else
136
                 continue := true;
137
               end if;
138
             end check_child;
139
             procedure scan_children is
140
               new views.iterate_arcs_from (visit => check_child);
141
           begin
142
             scan_children (the_node => the_node);
143
             return result;
           end has_any_unlayed_out_children;
144
145
146
           function average_y_for_children_of_node (the_node : views.node_ ype)
147
                                              return natural is
148
             number_of_children : natural := 0;
149
             total_y : natural := 0;
150
             procedure check_child (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
151
                                      continue : out boolean) is
152
               child : views.node_type := views.destination_of (the_arc);
153
             begin
154
               total_y := total_y + views.get_position(child).y_coordinate;
155
               number_of_children := number_of_children + 1;
156
               continue := true;
157
             end check_child:
158
             procedure scan_children is
159
               new views.iterate_arcs_from (visit => check_child);
160
161
             scan_children (the_node => the_node);
             return total_y / number_of_children;
162
163
           end average_y_for_children_of_node;
```

```
164
165
           procedure layout_y (the_node : in views.node_type) is
166
           begin
167
              if views.get_position(the_node).y_coordinate = 0 then
168
               if has_any_unlayed_out_children(the_node) then
169
                 layout_y_for_children_of_node (the_node);
170
                 views.set_position(of_node => the_node,
171
                            to_position => (views.get_position(the_node).x_coordinate,
172
                                           average_y_for_children_of_node(the_node)));
173
               else
174
                 views.set_position(of_node => the_node,
175
                    to_position => (views.get_position(the_node).x_coordinate,
176
                      last_y + views.get_dimensions(the_node, orientation).height));
177
                 last_y := views.get_position(the_node).y_coordinate;
178
               end if:
179
             end if;
180
           end layout_y;
181
182
           function max_x_plus_width_of_parents (the_node : views.node_type)
183
                                              return natural is
184
             max : natural := 0;
185
             temp : natural := 0;
186
             procedure check_parent (the_arc : in views.arc_type;
187
                                      continue : out boolean) is
188
               parent : views.node_type := views.source_of(the_arc);
189
             begin
190
               temp := views.get_position(parent).x_coordinate +
191
                 views.get_dimensions(parent,orientation).width;
192
               if temp > max then
193
                 max := temp;
194
               end if:
195
               continue := true;
196
             end check_parent;
197
             procedure scan_parents is
198
               new views.iterate_arcs_to (visit => check_parent);
199
           begin
200
             scan_parents (the_node => the_node);
201
             return max:
202
           end max_x_plus_width_of_parents;
203
204
           function has_parents (the_node : in views.node_type) return boolean is
205
206
             return views.number_of_arcs_to(the_node) /= 0;
207
           end has_parents;
208
```

```
procedure layout_x (the_node : in views.node_type) is
209
210
           begin
211
             if views.get_position(the_node).x_coordinate = 0 then
212
               if has_parents(the_node) then
                 layout_x_for_parents_of_node (the_node);
213
214
                 views.set_position(of_node => the_node,
                       to_position => (max_x_plus_width_of_parents(the_node) + x_pad,
215
                                        views.get_position(the_node).y_coordinate));
216
217
               end if;
218
             end if:
219
           end layout_x;
220
221
         begin
222
223
           -- Pass 1: Layout all Y coordinates, beginning at each root, and
224
           -- traversing the graph depth-first.
225
226
           zero_y_for_all_nodes (of_the_view => the_view);
227
           last_y := 0;
228
           layout_y_for_all_roots (of_the_view => the_view);
229
230
           -- Pass 2: Layout all X coordinates, beginning at each leaf, and
231
           -- traversing the graph in the other direction (towards the roots)
232
           -- depth-first.
233
234
           zero_x_for_all_nodes (of_the_view => the_view);
235
           layout_x_for_all_leaves (of_the_view => the_view);
236
237
           -- Indicate orientation of layout.
238
239
           views.set_orientation (of_view => the_view,
240
                                   to_value => orientation);
241
242
243
         end isi_grapher;
```

In order to lay out a view, simply invoke the desired layout algorithm. For example, the UNIX file system browser lays out three views, using a different layout algorithm for each. This is done like so:

```
1 -- Excerpts from application/main.a:
2
3 -- Lay out the initial (empty) view.
4 -- A layout algorithm need not be invoked for an empty view, but its
5 -- orientation must still be set before the display routine can be called.
```

```
6
7
       browser_instance.views.set_orientation (of_view => globals.init_vista,
8
            to_value => browser_instance.views.horizontal);
9
10
        -- Lay out the full view (all files, directories, etc.).
11
12
        browser_instance.layout_algorithms.cyclic_horizontal (
13
             the_view => globals.full_vista );
14
15
        -- Lay out the directory view (directories only).
16
17
        browser_instance.layout_algorithms.acyclic_vertical (
18
             the_view => globals.dir_vista );
```

Note that the very least that a layout utility must do is to set the view orientation. This is required even for an empty view. If the view contains any nodes and/or arcs, the layout utility must also assign coordinates to each and every one of them.

3.2.7 Step 7: Display A View

The seventh step in constructing a browser tool is to display a view. Displaying a view is a simple matter of invoking the
browser_instance>.views.display_view procedure and specifying the desired view. The view title and the command list associated with the view are automatically displayed, and the individual nodes and arcs of the view are automatically displayed at their assigned positions and using their specified depictions.

The UNIX file system browser, for example, invokes the display_view procedure as follows:

```
1 -- Excerpt from application/main.a:
2
3 browser_instance.views.display_view (the_view => globals.init_vista);
```

It is possible to display multiple views simultaneously by issuing such a call for each view to be displayed.

3.2.8 Step 8: Allow User Interaction With The Display

The eighth step in constructing a browser tool is to allow the user to interact with the displayed view(s). To do so, simply invoke the

strowser_instance>.browse procedure.

If callbacks have been predefined for all possible user selections, this procedure never exits. It just continues processing user selections indefinitely. Each time the user makes a selection, the browse procedure invokes the appropriate callback procedure to process the selection.

If on the other hand there is some selection for which no callback procedure is defined, the

<br

The UNIX file system browser invokes the browse procedure like so:

```
-- Excerpt from application/main.a:
1
2
3
       loop
4
         browser_instance.browse ( exit_event );
5
         if browser_instance.views."="(exit_event.view, globals.init_vista)
6
         then -- event expected
7
           case exit_event.kind is
8
              when browser_instance.command_select =>
9
                case exit_event.command is
10
                   when 1 =>
11
                     browser_instance.views.display_menu (
12
                       the_menu => static_menus.view_menu,
13
                       for_view => globals.init_vista);
14
                   when 2 =>
15
                     exit;
16
                   when others =>
17
                     null:
18
                 end case;
19
              when others => -- not the expected event
20
                text_io.put_line ("Unexpected exit from browser.");
21
                text_io.put_line ("Unhandled event: "
22
                    & browser_instance.event_kind'image (exit_event.kind));
23
            end case;
24
          else -- unexpected event
25
            text_io.put_line ("Unexpected exit from browser.");
26
            text_io.put_line ("Unhandled event: "
27
               & browser_instance.event_kind'image (exit_event.kind));
28
          end if;
29
        end loop;
```

Since the UNIX file system browser does not define a callback procedure for the command list associated with the initial view, it must process any selections from that command list following the return from the browse procedure. Any other selections that causes the browse procedure to exit are treated as unexpected, since callback procedures should have been defined for all of them.

3.2.9 Step 9: Define Responses To User Selections

The nineth step in constructing a browser tool is to define responses to user selections. For selections for which callback procedures have been defined, this is a matter of specifying the bodies of the callback procedures. For selections for which no callback procedures have been defined, it is a matter of specifying the processing to be performed upon return from the

browser_instance>.browse procedure.

Callback procedures may perform whatever processing you want them to perform. Be forewarned, however, that while a callback procedure is executing no further user selections can be processed. Consequently, if your callback procedures perform too much processing, your tool will not be very responsive to user input.

Similarly, your tool may perform any processing whatsoever between invocations of the

browser_instance>.browse procedure; but no further selections can be processed until the next invocation. Therefore, if your tool performs too much processing between invocations of this procedure, it will not be very responsive to user input.

Here are some of the kinds of processing that you might want to perform in a callback procedure or upon return from a call to the browse procedure:

- create a menu;
- delete a menu;
- turn a view's topology display on or off;
- filter a view;
- display text;
- prompt for keyboard input;
- display a menu;
- layout or re-layout a view;
- redisplay the current view;
- display a different view;
- erase a view;
- create additional graphs;
- create additional views.

The choices at the top of this list involve the least processing; the choices at the bottom involve the most processing.

We have already looked at an example of how to process selections upon return from the browse procedure. We will now look at some examples of how to process selections within callback procedures.

WARNING: One thing you should never do from within a callback procedure is execute a call to

browser_instance>.browse. That procedure IS NOT REENTRANT.

In the case of the UNIX file system browser, the callback procedure defined for selection of nodes displays a static menu of operations that may be applied to the selected node. Which menu is displayed depends on which kind of node was selected. The body of this callback procedure looks like the following:

```
1 -- Excerpts from application/callbacks_b.a:
2
3 procedure process_node_selection (
4
       to_process_event:
                                in browser_instance.event_ptr
5
 ) is
6
     node_kind : constant browser_params.file_kind
7
               := browser_instance.graphs.kind_of(
8
                  browser_instance.views.graph_node_of(to_process_event.node));
9
     menu_for_node : browser_instance.menus.menu_type;
10
   begin
11
12
        case node_kind is
13
          when file =>
14
            menu_for_node := static_menus.file_node_menu;
15
          when directory =>
16
            menu_for_node := static_menus.dir_node_menu;
17
          when other =>
18
            menu_for_node := static_menus.other_node_menu;
19
        end case;
20
21
        browser_instance.views.display_menu (the_menu => menu_for_node,
22
                                              for_node => to_process_event.node,
23
                                              of_view => to_process_event.view);
24
25
    end process_node_selection;
```

Upon returning from the node selection callback procedure, the user may then select an item from the displayed menu. The UNIX file system browser also defines callback procedures for selections from the node menus. These callback procedures are declared as follows:

^{1 --} Excerpts from application/callbacks_b.a:

```
procedure process_file_node_menu_selection (
    to_process_event: in browser_instance.event_ptr
);

procedure process_dir_node_menu_selection (
    to_process_event: in browser_instance.event_ptr
);

procedure process_other_node_menu_selection (
    to_process_event: in browser_instance.event_ptr
);

procedure process_other_node_menu_selection (
    to_process_event: in browser_instance.event_ptr
);
```

The processing that is performed by the menu callback depends on which item the user selects. For example, the body of the file node menu callback procedure looks like the following:

```
1 -- Excerpts from application/callbacks_b.a:
3 procedure process_file_node_menu_selection (
4
       to_process_event:
                            in browser_instance.event_ptr
5
  ) is
6
7
     temp_display : browser_instance.text.display_type;
8
9
     procedure suppress_arc (the_arc : in browser_instance.views.arc_type;
10
                              continue : out boolean) is
11
      begin
12
        browser_instance.views.set_suppression(of_arc => the_arc,
13
                                               to_value => true);
14
        continue := true;
15
      end suppress_arc;
16
17
      procedure suppress_arcs_to_node is
18
            new browser_instance.views.iterate_arcs_to (visit => suppress_arc);
19
20
      procedure remove_arc (the_arc : in browser_instance.views.arc_type;
21
                            continue : out boolean) is
22
        local_arc : browser_instance.views.arc_type := the_arc;
23
      begin
24
        browser_instance.views.remove_arc(the_arc => local_arc,
25
                                          from_view => to_process_event.view);
26
        continue := true;
27
      end remove_arc;
28
```

```
29
      procedure remove_arcs_to_node is
30
            new browser_instance.views.iterate_arcs_to (visit => remove_arc);
31
32 begin
33
34
      case to_process_event.n_item is
35
        when 1 => -- Display Attributes
36
          display_node_attributes (to_process_event.n_node);
37
        when 2 => -- Display Contents
38
          declare
39
            leaf : file_system.infoptr
40
                  := browser_instance.graphs.id_of (
41
                    browser_instance.views.graph_node_of (to_process_event.n_node));
42
          begin
43
            browser_instance.text.display_text (
44
              the_display => temp_display,
              from_file => file_system.full_pathname(leaf),
45
46
              use_title => "Contents of " & string(browser_instance.views.label_of(
47
                                to_process_event.n_node)),
48
              quit_action => text_quit_callback);
49
          end;
50
        when 3 => -- Suppress File
51
          browser_instance.views.set_suppression(of_node => to_process_event.n_node,
52
                                                  to_value => true);
53
          suppress_arcs_to_node (the_node => to_process_event.n_node);
54
          browser_instance.views.display_view (the_view => to_process_event.view);
55
        when 4 => -- Delete File
56
          remove_arcs_to_node (the_node => to_process_event.n_node);
57
          browser_instance.views.remove_node (the_node => to_process_event.n_node,
58
                                               from_view => to_process_event.view);
59
          browser_instance.views.display_view (the_view => to_process_event.view);
60
        when others =>
61
          null:
62
      end case;
63
64
    end process_file_node_menu_selection;
```

A Appendix: Ada Specifications

The Ada specifications presented herein delineate the applications interface for the Reusable Graphical Browser. That interface consists of a single Ada package, named *BROWSER*. Package *BROWSER* bundles together all capabilities of the Reusable Graphical Browser. It is a generic package, and must therefore be instantiated by the application before use.

Within package BROWSER are a number of subpackages. These subpackages, which are listed below, represent various abstract data types and utilities to manipulate them:

- CALLBACKS abstract data type for application-defined procedures to be invoked in response to user actions;
- MENUS abstract data type for modal menus;
- CMD_LISTS abstract data type for non-modal (continually selectable) commands;
- GRAPHS abstract data type for application-defined graph structures;
- VIEWS abstract data type for graph depiction information;
- TEXT abstract data type for text to be displayed;
- VIEW_UTILITIES utilities for constructing and filtering views;
- LAYOUT_ALGORITHMS utilities for automatically laying out (assigning display coordinates to) the nodes and arcs in a view.

Extensive comments in the Ada specifications for package *BROWSER* make it fairly self-documenting. Unfortunately, these comments also make it difficult to quickly locate a particular declaration. The following index, which gives the line number of each declaration, should help considerably in that respect:

54 package browser

- 72 type event_kind
- 85 type event_info (incomplete)
- 87 type event_ptr
- 91 anticipated_arcs
- 92 anticipated_nodes
- 95 package callbacks
 - 104 type callback_type
 - 108 no_callback
 - 114 callback_undefined
 - 121 package callback
 - 122 function proc_id

134 procedure call

150 package menus

- 158 type menu_type
- 160 type menu_title
- 161 type menu_item
- 162 subtype item_index
- 166 no menu
- 172 menu_undefined
- 174 menu_overflow
- 176 no such item
- 180 procedure create_menu
- 190 procedure delete_menu
- 198 procedure set_item
- 211 function get_item
- 221 function title_of
- 228 function number_of_items_in
- 235 procedure set_action
- 243 function get_action

259 package cmd_lists

- 270 type cmd_list_type
- 272 type cmd_item
- 274 subtype cmd_index
- 278 no_cmd_list
- 284 cmd_list_undefined
- 286 cmd_list_overflow
- 288 subcmds_already_exist
- 290 no_such_cmd
- 295 procedure create_cmd_list
- 304 procedure create_subcmd_list
- 321 procedure delete_cmd_list
- 330 procedure delete_subcmd_list
- 342 procedure set_cmd
- 355 procedure set_subcmd
- 371 function get_cmd
- 381 function get_subcmd
- 394 function number_of_cmds_in
- 402 function number_of_subcmds_of
- 414 procedure set_action
- 423 function get_action

439 package graphs

- 453 type graph_type
- 455 type node_type
- 456 type node_name
- 458 type arc_type

- 459 type arc_name
- 460 type arc_direction
- 464 no graph
- 467 no_node
- 470 no_arc
- 476 graph_already_exists
- 478 graph_not_found
- 479 graph_undefined
- 481 graph_overflow
- 484 node_already_exists
- 486 node_undefined
- 488 node_not_found
- 489 node_has_references
- 492 arc_already_exists
- 494 arc_undefined
- 496 arc_not_found
- 500 procedure create_graph
- 516 procedure destroy_graph
- 527 function is_defined (graph)
- 533 function id_of (graph)
- 541 function get_graph
- 548 procedure add_node
- 569 procedure delete_node
- 585 function is_defined (node)
- 590 function is_a_member_of (node)
- 600 function graph_of (node)
- 609 function has_references
- 616 function id_of (node)
- 623 function name_of (node)
- 630 function kind_of (node)
- 637 function get_node
- 650 procedure iterate_nodes
- 660 procedure add_arc
- 690 procedure delete_arc
- 704 function is defined (arc)
- 709 function is_a_member_of (arc)
- 719 function graph_of (arc)
- 728 function id_of (arc)
- 735 function name_of (arc)
- 742 function source_of
- 750 function destination_of
- 758 function direction_of
- 766 function kind_of (arc)
- 773 function get_arc
- 786 procedure iterate_arcs

809 package views

- 830 type view_type
- 831 type view_title
- 833 type node_type
- 834 type node_label
- 836 type arc_type
- 837 type arc_label
- 839 type attributes
- 842 type coordinates_type
- 848 type dimensions_type
- 854 type orientation_type
- 859 no_view
- 862 no node
- 865 no_arc
- 869 no attributes
- 873 view_undefined
- 875 view_overflow
- 877 view_is_displayed
- 880 node_undefined
- 882 node_not_found
- 883 node_has_references
- 886 arc_undefined
- 888 arc_not_found
- 890 not_laid_out
- 894 procedure create_view
- 916 procedure delete_view
- 929 function is_defined (view)
- 934 function graph_of
- 940 function cmd_list_of
- 948 function title_of
- 955 function number_of_nodes_in
- 962 function number_of_arcs_in
- 969 procedure set_orientation
- 977 function get_orientation
- 984 procedure set_arrow_spacing
- 1002 function get_arrow_spacing
- 1009 procedure set_outdated_flag
- 1018 function is_outdated
- 1025 procedure set_topology_display
- 1036 function get_topology_display
- 1043 procedure display_view
- 1054 function is_displayed
- 1061 procedure search_view (node)
- 1073 procedure search_view (arc)
- 1085 procedure erase_view

- 1093 procedure display_menu (view)
- 1103 procedure display_menu (node)
- 1116 procedure display_menu (arc)
- 1132 procedure iterate_views;
- 1141 procedure insert_node
- 1165 procedure remove_node
- 1181 function is_defined (node)
- 1186 function is_a_member_of (node)
- 1196 function graph_node_of
- 1203 function is_in_view
- 1213 function view_node_of
- 1225 function label_of (node)
- 1233 function has_attributes (node)
- 1240 procedure refresh_attributes (node)
- 1249 procedure set_action (node)
- 1257 function get_action (node)
- 1265 procedure set_position (node)
- 1273 function get_position (node)
- 1280 function get_dimensions (node)
- 1290 function get_icon_dimensions (node)
- 1298 procedure set_suppression (node)
- 1307 function is suppressed (node)
- 1314 function number_of_arcs_from
- 1321 function number_of_arcs_to
- 1331 procedure iterate_nodes
- 1343 procedure insert_arc
- 1368 procedure remove_arc
- 1382 function is_defined (arc)
- 1387 function is_a_member_of (arc)
- 1397 function graph_arc_of
- 1404 function is_in_view
- 1414 function view_arc_of
- 1426 function label_of (arc)
- 1434 function source_of
- 1442 function destination_of
- 1450 procedure redirect_arc
- 1470 function has_attributes (arc)
- 1477 procedure refresh_attributes (arc)
- 1486 procedure set_action (arc)
- 1494 function get_action (arc)
- 1502 procedure set_position (arc)
- 1510 function get_position (arc)
- 1517 function get_dimensions (arc)
- 1527 function get_icon_dimensions (arc)
- 1535 procedure set_suppression (arc)

1544 function is_suppressed (arc)

1554 procedure iterate_arcs

1567 procedure iterate_arcs_from

1580 procedure iterate_arcs_to

1605 package text

1612 type buffer_type

1614 type display_type

1615 type display_kind

1619 buffer_undefined

1620 buffer_overflow

1622 buffer_in_use

1624 display_undefined

1625 display_overflow

1627 wrong_display_kind

1632 no_display

1636 no_buffer

1640 max_input_length

1644 procedure create_buffer

1652 procedure delete_buffer

1663 procedure clear_buffer

1668 procedure append

1677 procedure append_line

1686 procedure new_line

1695 function length_of

1701 function contents_of

1709 procedure display_text (buffer)

1726 procedure display_text (file)

1742 procedure erase_text

1752 procedure refresh_text

1759 function kind_of

1766 function get_buffer

1775 function get_file

1786 procedure display_alert

1793 procedure prompt_for_input

1826 package view_utilities

1852 procedure construct_view

1903 procedure refresh_view

1932 procedure filter_view

1946 package layout_algorithms

1953 procedure cyclic_horizontal

1969 procedure acyclic_horizontal

1986 procedure cyclic_vertical

2003 procedure acyclic_vertical

2025 type event_info (completed)

2066 procedure initialize2074 procedure browse2089 procedure quit;

```
1
2 -- START OF REUSABLE BROWSER PACKAGE SPEC
3 --
4 with system;
5 with x_windows;
6 WITH TEXT_IO; -- for stubs of unimplemented routines
7 WITH TBD;
                -- ditto
8 with intrinsics:
9 with shell_public;
10 with command_public;
11 with node_public;
12 with arc_public;
13 with label_public;
14 with viewport_public;
15 with xw_bboard_public;
16 PRAGMA ELABORATE(TEXT_IO, TBD, intrinsics, shell_public, command_public,
17
            node_public, arc_public, label_public, viewport_public,
18
            xw_bboard_public); -- ditto
19 generic
20
21
      -- Imported information about the instantiating application's graph objects.
22
23
      type graph_id is private; -- uniquely identifies the instantiator's graphs
24
      with function designates_same_graph (graph_a, graph_b : graph_id)
25
                                           return boolean is "=";
26
27
      -- Imported information about the instantiating application's node objects.
28
29
      type node_id is private; -- uniquely identifies the instantiator's nodes
30
      type node_kind is (<>); -- differentiates between different kinds of nodes
31
      with function designates_same_node (node_a, node_b : node_id)
32
                                          return boolean is "=";
33
      -- Imported information about the instantiating application's arc objects.
34
35
36
      type arc_id is private; -- uniquely identifies the instantiator's arcs
37
      type arc_kind is (<>); -- differentiates between different kinds of arcs
38
      with function designates_same_arc (arc_a, arc_b : arc_id)
39
                                         return boolean is "=";
40
```

```
41
      -- Imported hash functions, for improving performance when constructing
42
      -- views with large numbers of nodes and arcs.
43
44
      with function hash_of_node (the_node
                                                     : node_id;
                                  number_of_buckets : positive) return positive;
45
46
        -- maps node IDs into integers in the range 1..number_of_buckets with
47
        -- a linear (or near-linear) distribution.
48
49
      with function hash_of_arc (the_arc
                                                    : arc_id;
50
                                 number_of_buckets : positive) return positive;
51
        -- maps arc IDs into integers in the range 1..number_of_buckets with
52
        -- a linear (or near-linear) distribution.
53
54
   package browser is
55
      -- A reusable graphical browser, capable of browsing over any object
56
57
      -- management system whose objects and the relationships among them can
58
      -- be depicted as a directed graph. It supports application-defined
      -- data types for unique node and arc identifiers. It also supports
59
60
      -- application-defined data types for distinguishing between different
      -- kinds of nodes and arcs. It supports the association of
61
62
      -- application-defined attributes with individual nodes and arcs. And
63
      -- lastly, it supports tuning of translations between objects in the
64
      -- application domain and those in the browser domain.
65
66
67
      -- Browser Global Types:
68
69
      -- Events are user actions that are reported to the application by the
70
      -- reusable browser. The following type defines the kinds of events
71
      -- that are reported.
72
      type event_kind is (position_select,
73
                          command_select,
74
                          subcommand_select,
75
                          menu_item_select,
76
                          node_menu_item_select,
77
                          arc_menu_item_select,
78
                          menu_cancel,
79
                          node_select,
80
                          arc_select,
81
                          text_quit,
82
                          string_input,
83
                           input_cancel,
84
                          browser_quit);
85
      type event_info (kind : event_kind
```

```
86
                             := event_kind'first); -- describes the event in detail
87
      type event_ptr is access event_info; -- points to an event description
88
89
      -- Browser Global Constants:
90
91
      anticipated_arcs : constant := 100; -- optimized for this many by default
92
      anticipated_nodes : constant := 100; -- optimized for this many by default
93
94
95
      package callbacks is
96
97
        -- Abstraction for callback procedure type. This abstraction allows the
98
        -- the application to define procedures that will handle specific user
99
        -- actions (events).
100
101
102
         -- Types:
103
104
         type callback_type is private; -- a handle for callback procedures
105
106
         -- Constants:
107
108
         no_callback : constant callback_type; -- a value corresponding to no
109
           -- callback procedure; all objects of type callback_type are initialized
110
           -- to this value by default.
111
112
         -- Exceptions:
113
114
         callback_undefined : exception; -- an attempt was made to call an undefined
115
           -- callback procedure
116
117
         -- Operations:
118
119
         generic
120
           with procedure the procedure (to process event : in event_ptr);
121
         package callback is
122
           function proc_id return callback_type;
123
         end callback;
124
125
         -- Synopsis: Instantiation of this package defines a callback procedure.
126
         -- The generic parameter is the procedure to serve as a callback procedure.
127
         -- The function proc_id returns a handle that can be used to refer
128
         -- to the procedure (i.e., for the purpose of assigning it to process a
129
         -- particular event).
         -- WARNING: THE SPECIFIED PROCEDURE MUST NOT BE NESTED WITHIN ANOTHER
130
```

```
-- PROCEDURE OR A TASK. OTHERWISE, A PROGRAM_ERROR EXCEPTION MAY BE RAISED
131
132
         -- WHEN IT IS INVOKED VIA "CALL".
133
134
         procedure call (the_proc_id : in callback_type;
135
                        to_process_event : in event_ptr);
136
137
         -- Synopsis: This procedure is used to invoke a callback procedure.
138
         -- It calls the specified procedure, passing it the specified event to
139
         -- process.
140
         -- If the specified procedure has not been defined as a callback procedure,
141
         -- callback_undefined is raised.
142
143
      private
144
        type callback_rep;
145
         type callback_type is access callback_rep;
146
         no_callback : constant callback_type := null;
147
       end callbacks;
148
149 ---
150
      package menus is
151
152
         -- Modal menus to be displayed (popped-up) by the browser, and from which
153
         -- user selections are to be immediately obtained.
154
155
156
         -- Types:
157
158
         type menu_type is private; -- abstract type for a menu
159
160
         type menu_title is new string; -- menu title to be displayed
161
         type menu_item is new string; -- item in a menu
162
         subtype item_index is positive; -- position of an item in a menu
163
164
         -- Constants:
165
166
         no_menu : constant menu_type; -- a value for an undefined menu;
167
           -- all objects of type menu_type are initialized to this value by
168
           -- default, and are set to this value when deleted.
169
170
         -- Exceptions:
171
172
         menu_undefined : exception; -- the specified menu has not been defined
173
           -- or is no longer defined
         menu_overflow : exception; -- there are insufficient resources available
174
175
           -- to create or expand the menu
```

```
176
         no_such_item : exception; -- there is no such item in the specified menu
177
178
         -- Operations:
179
180
         procedure create_menu (the_menu : in out menu_type;
                                with_title : in menu_title;
181
182
                            number_of_items : in positive);
183
184
         -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a menu with the specified number
185
         -- of items and gives it the specified title. The menu is initially
186
         -- empty (i.e., all of the items are blank).
187
         -- Menu_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
188
         -- to create the menu.
189
190
         procedure delete_menu (the_menu : in out menu_type);
191
192
         -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the specified menu.
193
         -- If the specified menu is not defined to begin with,
194
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
195
         -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
196
         -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE MENU VIA ASSIGNMENT.
197
198
         procedure set_item (in_menu : in menu_type;
199
                             the_item : in item_index;
200
                          to_value : in menu_item);
201
202
         -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the specified item in the specified
203
         -- menu to the specified value.
204
         -- If the specified menu has not been defined or has been deleted,
205
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
206
         -- If there is no such item as the specified item in the menu,
207
         -- no_such_item is raised.
208
         -- Menu_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
209
         -- to add the item to the menu.
210
211
         function get_item (from_menu : menu_type;
212
                             the_item : item_index) return menu_item;
213
214
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the specified item from the specified
215
         -- menu.
216
         -- If the specified menu has not been defined or has been deleted,
217
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
218
         -- If there is no such item as the specified item in the menu,
219
         -- no_such_item is raised.
220
```

```
221
         function title_of (the_menu : menu_type) return menu_title;
222
223
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the title of the specified
224
         -- menu.
225
         -- If the specified menu has not been defined or has been deleted,
226
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
227
228
         function number_of_items_in (the_menu : menu_type) return positive;
229
230
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the number of items in the specified
231
         -- menu.
232
         -- If the specified menu has not been defined or has been deleted,
233
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
234
235
         procedure set_action (the_menu
                                         : in menu_type;
236
                               the_action : in callbacks.callback_type);
237
238
         -- Synopsis: This procedure defines a callback procedure to be invoked
239
         -- automatically when the user selects an item from the specified menu.
240
         -- If the specified menu has not been defined or has been deleted,
241
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
242
243
         function get_action (the_menu : menu_type)
244
                             return callbacks.callback_type;
245
246
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the previously defined callback
247
         -- procedure for the specified menu.
         -- If the specified menu has not been defined or has been deleted,
248
249
         -- menu_undefined is raised.
250
251
       private
252
         type menu_structure (number_of_items : positive); -- full type declaration
253
           -- deferred to the package body
254
         type menu_type is access menu_structure;
255
         no_menu : constant menu_type := null;
256
       end menus;
257
258
259
       package cmd_lists is
260
261
         -- Non-modal (continually selectable) commands to be associated with
         -- individual browser views, specifying operations that may be
262
263
         -- performed in those views at any time. A two-level hierarchy
         -- of commands is supported, consisting of top-level commands and their
264
265
         -- associated subcommands (if any).
```

```
266
267
268
         -- Types:
269
270
         type cmd_list_type is private; -- abstract type for a list of commands
271
272
         type cmd_item is new string; -- item in a command list
273
274
         subtype cmd_index is positive; -- position of a command in a list
275
276
         -- Constants:
277
278
         no_cmd_list : constant cmd_list_type; -- a value for an undefined command
279
           -- list; all objects of type cmd_list_type are initialized to this value
280
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
281
282
         -- Exceptions:
283
284
         cmd_list_undefined : exception; -- the specified command list has not been
285
           -- defined or is no longer defined
286
         cmd_list_overflow : exception; -- there are insufficient resources available
287
           -- to create or expand the command list
288
         subcmds_already_exist : exception; -- a subcommand list already exists for
289
           -- the specified command
290
         no_such_cmd : exception; -- there is no such command in the specified
291
           -- command list
292
293
         -- Operations:
294
295
         procedure create_cmd_list (the_cmd_list : in out cmd_list_type;
296
                                    number_of_cmds
                                                    : in positive);
297
298
         -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a command list with room for the
299
         -- specified number of commands. The list is initially empty (i.e., all
300
         -- of the items are blank).
301
         -- Cmd_list_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
302
         -- to create the command list.
303
         procedure create_subcmd_list (the_cmd_list : in cmd_list_type;
304
305
                                       the_cmd
                                                     : in cmd_index;
306
                                   number_of_subcmds : in positive);
307
308
         -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a subcommand list associated with
309
         -- the specified command and with room for the specified number of
         -- subcommands. The list is initially empty (i.e., all of the items
310
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311
         -- are blank).
312
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
313
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
314
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
315
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
316
         -- If a subcommand list already exists for the specified command,
317
         -- subcmds_already_exist is raised.
318
         -- Cmd_list_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
319
         -- to create the subcommand list.
320
321
         procedure delete_cmd_list (the_cmd_list : in out cmd_list_type);
322
323
         -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the specified command list.
324
         -- If the specified command list is not defined to begin with,
325
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
326
         -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
327
         -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE COMMAND LIST VIA
328
         -- ASSIGNMENT.
329
330
         procedure delete_subcmd_list (the_cmd_list : in cmd_list_type;
331
                                       the_cmd : in cmd_index);
332
333
         -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the list of subcommands associated
334
         -- with the specified command.
335
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
336
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
337
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
338
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
339
         -- If the specified subcommand list is not defined to begin with,
340
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
341
         procedure set_cmd (in_cmd_list : in cmd_list_type;
342
                            the_cmd : in cmd_index;
343
344
                            to_value : in cmd_item);
345
346
         -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the specified command in the specified
347
         -- command list to the specified value.
348
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
349
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
350
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
351
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
352
         -- Cmd_list_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
353
         -- to add the command to the command list.
354
355
         procedure set_subcmd (in_cmd_list : in cmd_list_type;
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356
                               the_cmd
                                           : in cmd_index;
357
                               the_subcmd : in cmd_index;
358
                               to_value
                                           : in cmd_item);
359
360
         -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the specified subcommand (of the
361
         -- specified command) in the specified command list to the specified value.
362
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
363
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
364
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
365
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
366
         -- If there is no such subcommand as the specified subcommand in the
367
         -- command list, no_such_cmd is raised.
368
         -- Cmd_list_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
369
         -- to add the subcommand to the command list.
370
371
         function get_cmd (from_cmd_list : cmd_list_type;
372
                                        : cmd_index) return cmd_item;
                           the_cmd
373
374
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the specified command from the
375
         -- specified command list.
376
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
377
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
378
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
379
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
380
381
         function get_subcmd (from_cmd_list : cmd_list_type;
382
                              the_cmd
                                           : cmd_index;
383
                              the_subcmd : cmd_index) return cmd_item;
384
385
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the specified subcommand (of the
386
         -- specified command) from the specified command list.
387
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
388
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
389
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
390
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
391
         -- If there is no such subcommand as the specified subcommand in the
392
         -- command list, no_such_cmd is raised.
393
394
         function number_of_cmds_in (the_cmd_list : cmd_list_type)
395
                                    return positive;
396
397
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the number of top-level commands in
398
         -- the specified command list.
399
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
400
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
```

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401
402
         function number_of_subcmds_of (the_cmd_list : cmd_list_type;
403
                                        the_cmd
                                                     : cmd_index)
404
                                       return natural;
405
406
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the number of subcommands associated
407
         -- with the specified command. If there are no subcommands of the specified
408
         -- command in the specified command list, zero (0) is returned.
409
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
410
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
411
         -- If there is no such command as the specified command in the command list,
412
         -- no_such_cmd is raised.
413
414
         procedure set_action (the_cmd_list : in cmd_list_type;
415
                               the_action : in callbacks.callback_type);
416
417
         -- Synopsis: This procedure defines a callback procedure to be invoked
418
         -- automatically when the user selects an item from the specified command
419
         -- list.
420
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
421
422
423
         function get_action (the_cmd_list : cmd_list_type)
424
                             return callbacks.callback_type;
425
426
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the previously defined callback
427
         -- procedure for the specified command list.
428
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
429
         -- cmd_list_undefined is raised.
430
431
       private
432
         type cmd_list_structure (number_of_cmds : positive); -- full type
433
           -- declaration deferred to the package body
434
         type cmd_list_type is access cmd_list_structure;
435
         no_cmd_list : constant cmd_list_type := null;
436
       end cmd_lists;
437
438
439
       package graphs is
440
441
         -- Graph structures defined by the application. A graph structure
442
         -- consists of a collection of of nodes and the arcs connecting them.
443
         -- The reusable browser caches the application-defined unique identifier
444
         -- (ID) associated with each node and each arc, as well as the
445
         -- application-defined kind indication for each node and each arc.
```

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446
         -- The purpose of the graph structure is to translate between objects
447
         -- in the browser domain and those in the application domain, and to
448
         -- facilitate the construction and maintenance of views.
449
450
451
         -- Types:
452
453
         type graph_type is private; -- abstract type for a graph definition
454
455
         type node_type is private; -- abstract type for a node
456
         type node_name is new string; -- the textual name associated with a node
457
458
         type arc_type is private; -- abstract type for an arc
459
         type arc_name is new string; -- the textual name associated with an arc
460
         type arc_direction is (one_way, two_ways);
461
462
         -- Constants:
463
464
         no_graph : constant graph_type; -- a value for an undefined graph;
465
           -- all objects of type graph_type are initialized to this value
466
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
467
         nc_node : constant node_type; -- a value for an undefined node;
468
           -- all objects of type node_type are initialized to this value
469
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
470
         no_arc : constant arc_type; -- a value for an undefined arc;
471
           -- all objects of type arc_type are initialized to this value
472
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
473
474
         -- Exceptions:
475
476
         graph_already_exists : exception; -- a graph with the specified ID already
477
478
         graph_not_found : exception; -- the specified graph could not be found
479
         graph_undefined : exception; -- the specified graph has not been defined or
480
           -- is no longer defined
481
         graph_overflow: exception; -- there are insufficient resources available
482
           -- to create or expand the graph
483
484
         node_already_exists : exception; -- a node with the specified ID already
485
           -- exists
486
         node_undefined : exception; -- the specified node has not been defined or
487
           -- is no longer defined
488
         node_not_found : exception; -- the specified node could not be found
489
         node_has_references : exception; -- the specified node cannot be deleted,
490
           -- because it is referenced by one or more arcs
```

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491
492
         arc_already_exists : exception; -- an arc with the specified ID already
493
           -- exists
494
         arc_undefined : exception; -- the specified arc has not been defined or
495
           -- is no longer defined
496
         arc_not_found : exception; -- the specified arc could not be found
497
498
         -- Graph Operations:
499
500
         procedure create_graph (
                                                     : in out graph_type;
                                     the_graph
501
                                     with_id
                                                     : in graph_id;
502
                                     estimated_arcs : in positive
503
                                                     := anticipated_arcs;
504
                                     estimated_nodes : in positive
505
                                                     := anticipated_nodes);
506
         -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a graph definition having the
507
508
         -- specified ID. The translation of objects from the application domain
509
         -- into objects in the browser domain is optimized for a graph having
510
         -- the estimated number of arcs and nodes.
511
         -- Attempting to create a second graph definition with the same ID
512
         -- raises graph_already_exists.
513
         -- Graph_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
514
         -- to create the graph definition.
515
516
         procedure destroy_graph ( the_graph : in out graph_type);
517
518
         -- Synopsis: This procedure destroys the specified graph definition.
519
         -- All arcs and nodes are deleted from the graph, and the graph becomes
520
         -- undefined.
521
         -- If the specified graph is not defined to begin with, graph_undefined
522
         -- is raised.
523
         -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
524
         -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE GRAPH OR FOR ANY
525
         -- OF ITS NODES OR ARCS VIA ASSIGNMENT.
526
527
         function is_defined (the_graph : graph_type) return boolean;
528
529
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified graph
530
         -- definition is currently defined (i.e., whether or not it currently
531
         -- exists).
532
533
         function id_of ( the_graph : graph_type) return graph_id;
534
535
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the ID of the specified graph
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536
         -- definition (i.e., the ID that was specified when the graph definition
537
         -- was created).
538
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
539
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
540
541
         function get_graph (with_id : graph_id) return graph_type;
542
543
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the graph having the specified ID.
544
         -- If there is no such graph, graph_not_found is raised.
545
546
         -- Node Operations:
547
                                     the_node : in out node_type;
548
         procedure add_node (
                                     with_id : in node_id;
549
550
                                     with_name : in node_name
551
                                               ;= HH;
552
                                     of_kind
                                               : in node_kind
                                               := node_kind'first;
553
554
                                     to_graph : in graph_type);
555
556
         -- Synopsis: This procedure defines a node having the specified ID
557
         -- and name, and distinguished as being of the specified kind, and adds
558
         -- it to the specified graph definition.
559
         -- Note that the node kind defaults to the base value of the node_kind
560
         -- type. This is useful for applications where there is no notion of
561
         -- node kind (i.e., where all nodes are of the same kind).
562
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
563
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
564
         -- Attempting to add a second node with the same ID to the same graph
565
         -- raises node_already_exists.
566
         -- Graph_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
567
         -- to add the node.
568
569
         procedure delete_node (
                                    the_node : in out node_type;
570
                                     from_graph : in graph_type);
571
572
         -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the specified node from the specified
573
         -- graph. The specified node is deleted and becomes undefined.
574
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
575
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
         -- If the specified node is not defined to begin with, node_undefined
576
577
578
         -- If there is no such node in the specified graph, node_not_found
579
         -- is raised.
         -- If the specified node is referenced by any arcs (as either a source
580
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581
         -- node or a destination node), node_has_references is raised.
582
         -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
583
         -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE NODE VIA ASSIGNMENT.
584
585
         function is_defined (
                                    the_node : node_type) return boolean;
586
587
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified node is
588
         -- currently defined.
589
590
         function is_a_member_of(
                                     the_node
                                                : node_type;
591
                                     the_graph : graph_type) return boolean;
592
593
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified node is
594
         -- a member of the specified graph.
595
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
596
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
597
         -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
598
         -- node_undefined is raised.
599
600
         function graph_of (the_node : node_type) return graph_type;
601
602
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the graph that the node was originally
603
         -- added to.
604
         -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
605
         -- node_undefined is raised.
606
         -- If the graph's definition has been destroyed, graph_undefined is
607
         -- raised.
608
609
         function has_references ( the_node
                                                : node_type) return boolean;
610
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not there are any arcs
611
612
         -- currently referencing the specified node.
613
         -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
614
         -- node_undefined is raised.
615
616
         function id_of (
                          the_node : node_type) return node_id;
617
618
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the ID of the specified node (i.e.,
619
         -- the ID that was specified when the node was defined).
620
         -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
621
         -- node_undefined is raised.
622
623
         function name_of ( the_node : node_type) return node_name;
624
625
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the name of the specified node (i.e.,
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626
         -- the name that was specified when the node was defined).
627
         -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
628
         -- node_undefined is raised.
629
630
         function kind_of ( the_node : node_type) return node_kind;
631
632
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the kind of the specified node (i.e.,
633
         -- the node kind that was specified when the node was defined).
634
         -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
635
         -- node_undefined is raised.
636
637
         function get_node ( with_id
                                      : node_id;
638
                             from_graph : graph_type) return node_type;
639
640
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the node having the specified ID
641
         -- from the specified graph.
642
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
643
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
644
         -- If there is no such node in the specified graph, node_not_found
645
         -- is raised.
646
647
         generic
648
           with procedure visit (the_node : in node_type;
649
                                 continue : out boolean);
650
         procedure iterate_nodes (of_the_graph : in graph_type);
651
652
         -- Synopsis: This procedure "visits" each node of the graph, executing
653
         -- the specified "visit" procedure for each node. The iteration order
654
         -- is not defined.
655
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
656
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
657
658
         -- Arc Operations:
659
660
         procedure add_arc ( the_arc : in out arc_type;
661
                             with_id : in arc_id;
662
                             with_name : in arc_name
663
                                       := "";
664
                             from_node : in node_type;
665
                             to_node
                                      : in node_type;
666
                             directed : in arc_direction
667
                                       := one_way;
668
                             of_kind : in arc_kind
669
                                        := arc_kind'first;
670
                             to_graph : in graph_type);
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671
672
         -- Synopsis: This procedure defines an arc having the specified ID
673
         -- and name, connecting the specified nodes in the implied direction(s),
674
         -- and distinguished as being of the specified kind, and adds it to
675
         -- the specified graph definition.
676
         -- Note that if no arc direction is specified, the arc is assumed to be
677
         -- unidirectional (emanating from from_node and terminating at to_node).
678
         -- Note also that the arc kind defaults to the base value of the arc_kind
679
         -- type. This is useful for applications where there is no notion of
680
         -- arc kind (i.e., where all arcs are of the same kind).
681
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
682
683
         -- Attempting to add a second arc with the same ID to the same graph
684
         -- raises arc_already_exists.
685
         -- If either of the specified nodes has not been defined as a member of
686
         -- the specified graph or has been deleted, node_undefined is raised.
687
         -- Graph_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
688
         -- to add the arc.
689
690
         procedure delete_arc (
                                     the_arc : in out arc_type;
691
                                     from_graph : in graph_type);
692
693
         -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the specified arc from the specified
694
         -- graph. The specified arc is deleted and becomes undefined.
695
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
696
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
697
         -- If the specified arc is not defined to begin with, arc_undefined
698
         -- is raised.
699
         -- If there is no such arc in the specified graph, arc_not_found
700
         -- is raised.
701
         -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
702
         -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE ARC VIA ASSIGNMENT.
703
704
         function is_defined (
                                   the_arc : arc_type) return boolean;
705
706
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified arc is
707
         -- currently defined.
708
709
         function is_a_member_of(
                                     the_arc : arc_type;
710
                                     the_graph : graph_type) return boolean;
711
712
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified arc is
713
         -- a member of the specified graph.
714
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
715
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
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716
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
717
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
718
719
         function graph_of (the_arc : arc_type) return graph_type;
720
721
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the graph that the arc was originally
722
         -- added to.
723
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
724
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
725
         -- If the graph's definition has been destroyed, graph_undefined is
726
         -- raised.
727
728
         function id_of ( the_arc : arc_type) return arc_id;
729
730
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the ID of the specified arc (i.e.,
         -- the ID that was specified when the arc was defined).
731
732
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
733
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
734
735
         function name_of ( the_arc : arc_type) return arc_name;
736
737
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the name of the specified arc (i.e.,
738
         -- the name that was specified when the arc was defined).
739
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
740
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
741
742
         function source_of (the_arc : arc_type) return node_type;
743
744
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the source node of the specified
745
         -- arc (i.e., the node that was specified as from_node when the arc
746
         -- was defined).
747
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
748
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
749
750
         function destination_of (the_arc : arc_type) return node_type;
751
752
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the destination node of the specified
753
         -- arc (i.e., the node that was specified as to_node when the arc was
754
         -- defined).
755
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
756
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
757
758
         function direction_of (the_arc : arc_type) return arc_irection;
759
760
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the direction of the specified arc
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761
         -- (i.e., the direction that was specified when the arc was defined).
762
         -- This indicates whether the arc is unidirectional or bidirectional.
763
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
764
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
765
766
         function kind_of ( the_arc : arc_type) return arc_kind;
767
768
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the kind of the specified arc (i.e.,
769
         -- the arc kind that was specified when the arc was defined).
770
         -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
771
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
772
773
         function get_arc ( with_id : arc_id;
774
                             from_graph : graph_type) return arc_type;
775
776
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the arc having the specified ID
777
         -- from the specified graph.
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
778
779
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
780
         -- If there is no such arc in the specified graph, arc_not_found
781
         -- is raised.
782
783
         generic
784
           with procedure visit (the_arc : in arc_type;
785
                                 continue : out boolean);
786
         procedure iterate_arcs (of_the_graph : in graph_type);
787
788
         -- Synopsis: This procedure "visits" each arc of the graph, executing
         -- the specified "visit" procedure for each arc. The iteration order
789
790
         -- is not defined.
791
         -- If the specified graph definition has not been defined or has been
792
         -- destroyed, graph_undefined is raised.
793
794
       private
795
         type graph_structure (node_hash_buckets : positive;
796
                               arc_hash_buckets : positive); -- full type
797
           -- declaration deferred to the package body
798
         type graph_type is access graph_structure;
799
         type node_info; -- full type declaration deferred to the package body
800
         type node_type is access node_info;
801
         type arc_info; -- full type declaration deferred to the package body
802
         type arc_type is access arc_info;
803
         no_graph : constant graph_type := null;
804
         no_node : constant node_type := null;
805
         no_arc : constant arc_type := null;
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806
       end graphs;
807
808
809
       package views is
810
811
         -- The user's view of application-defined graph structures, as presented
812
         -- to the user by the reusable browser. This view abstraction enables
813
         -- the application to control both the manner of depiction of the graph
814
         -- structure and the semantics of user interactions with the graph
815
         -- structure. In particular, it allows applications to control such
816
         -- factors as which nodes and arcs are presented to the user, how they
817
         -- are laid out on the display screen, how they are labelled, and what
818
         -- actions are taken in response to their selection by the user.
819
         -- Note that for some applications it may be desirable to present users
820
         -- with several views of the same graph structure, or even views of
821
         -- several different graph structures, simultaneously. Different views
822
         -- may show different graphs, different subsets of the same graph, or
823
         -- the same subset of the same graph but depicted differently.
         -- Alternatively, different views of the same graph may be depicted
824
825
         -- identically, but may respond differently to user actions.
826
827
828
         -- Types:
829
830
         type view_type is private; -- abstract type for a view of a graph
831
         type view_title is new string; -- view title to be displayed
832
833
         type node_type is private; -- abstract type for a view of a node
834
         type node_label is new string; -- label to be displayed for a node
835
836
         type arc_type is private; -- abstract type for a view of an arc
837
         type arc_label is new string; -- label to be displayed for an arc
838
839
         type attributes is new string; -- attributes to be displayed for node/arc
840
           -- multiple lines of text may be separated by ASCII.LF characters
841
842
         type coordinates_type is
843
           record
844
             x_coordinate : natural := 0;
845
             y_coordinate : natural := 0;
846
           end record; -- specifies positions of nodes and arcs in the x-y plane
847
848
         type dimensions_type is
849
           record
850
             width : natural := 0; -- x dimension
```

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851
             height : natural := 0; -- y dimension
852
           end record; -- specifies dimensions of nodes and arcs
853
854
         type orientation_type is (none, vertical, horizontal); -- specifies
855
           -- orientation of layout for the view
856
857
         -- Constants:
858
859
         no_view : constant view_type; -- a value for an undefined view;
860
           -- all objects of type view_type are initialized to this value
861
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
862
         no_node : constant node_type; -- a value for an undefined node;
863
           -- all objects of type node_type are initialized to this value
864
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
865
         no_arc : constant arc_type; -- a value for an undefined arc;
866
           -- all objects of type arc_type are initialized to this value
867
           -- by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
868
869
         no_attributes : constant attributes := ""; -- no attributes for node/arc
870
871
         -- Exceptions:
872
873
         view_undefined : exception; -- the specified view has not been defined or
874
           -- is no longer defined
875
         view_overflow : exception; -- there are insufficient resources available
876
           -- to create or expand the view
877
         view_is_displayed : exception; -- the specified view is currently displayed,
878
           -- so it cannot be deleted
879
880
         node_undefined : exception; -- the specified node has not been defined or
881
           -- is no longer defined
882
         node_not_found : exception; -- the specified node is not in the view
883
         node_has_references : exception; -- cannot remove a node that is the
884
           -- destination of at least one arc.
885
886
         arc_undefined : exception; -- the specified arc has not been defined or
887
           -- is no longer defined
888
         arc_not_found : exception; -- the specified arc is not in the view
889
890
         not_laid_out : exception; -- the view was not laid out before displaying it
891
892
         -- View Operations:
893
894
         procedure create_view (the_view
                                                : in out view_type;
895
                                of_graph
                                                : in graphs.graph_type;
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896
                               with_cmd_list : in cmd_lists.cmd_list_type;
897
                                             : in view_title;
                               with_title
898
                               estimated_arcs : in positive
899
                                               := anticipated_arcs;
900
                               estimated_nodes : in positive
901
                                               := anticipated_nodes);
902
903
         -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a view of the specified graph,
904
         -- providing the specified list of commands to operate on it, and
905
         -- assigns it the specified title. Insertion, deletion and lookup
906
         -- operations involving arcs and nodes of the view are optimized for
907
         -- a view having the estimated number of arcs and nodes, respectively.
908
         -- The view is initially empty (i.e., it contains no nodes or arcs).
909
         -- If the specified graph is not defined or has been deleted,
910
         -- graphs.graph_undefined is raised.
911
         -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
912
         -- cmd_lists.cmd_list_undefined is raised.
913
         -- View_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
914
         -- to create the view.
915
916
         917
918
         -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the specified view.
919
         -- All arcs and nodes are removed from the view, and the view becomes
920
         -- undefined.
921
         -- If the specified view is not defined to begin with, view_undefined
922
         -- is raised.
923
         -- If the specified view is currently displayed, view_is_displayed
924
         -- is raised.
925
         -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
926
         -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE VIEW OR FOR ANY
927
         -- OF ITS NODES OR ARCS VIA ASSIGNMENT.
928
929
         function is_defined (the_view : view_type) return boolean;
930
931
         -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified view
932
         -- is currently defined (i.e., whether or not it currently exists).
933
934
         function graph_of (the_view: view_type) return graphs.graph_type;
935
936
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the graph that the view is a view of.
937
         -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted, view_undefined
938
         -- is raised.
939
940
         function cmd_list_of (the_view: view_type)
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941
                              return cmd_lists.cmd_list_type;
942
943
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the command list associated with
944
         -- the specified view.
945
         -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted, view_undefined
946
         -- is raised.
947
948
         function title_of (the_view: view_type) return view_title;
949
950
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the title of the specified
951
         -- view.
952
         -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted, view_undefined
953
         -- is raised.
954
955
         function number_of_nodes_in (the_view : view_type) return natural;
956
957
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the total number of nodes in the
958
         -- specified view.
959
         -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
960
         -- view_undefined is raised.
961
962
         function number_of_arcs_in (the_view : view_type) return natural;
963
964
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the total number of arcs in the
965
         -- specified view.
966
         -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
         -- view_undefined is raised.
967
968
969
         procedure set_orientation (of_view : in view_type;
970
                                    to_value : in orientation_type);
971
972
         -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the orientation of the layout of the
973
         -- specified view to the specified value (i.e., vertical or horizontal).
974
         -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
975
         -- view_undefined is raised.
976
977
         function get_orientation (of_view : view_type) return orientation_type;
978
979
         -- Synopsis: This function returns the orientation of the layout
980
         -- of the specified view.
981
         -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
982
         -- view_undefined is raised.
983
984
         procedure set_arrow_spacing (of_view : in view_type;
985
                                      to_value : in natural);
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986
987
         -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the spacing between the arrow heads
988
         -- and tails drawn for the arcs emmanating from and terminating at each
989
         -- node of the specified view. The specified value indicates the number
990
         -- of pixels to offset the arrow heads and tails from the center of each
         -- node's icon. For acyclic layouts (containing no backward-directed
991
992
         -- arrows), a value of zero is appropriate; this is the default value if
993
         -- the arrow spacing is not explicitly set. For cyclic layouts, though,
994
         -- a non-zero value should be set: if the layout is vertical, the
995
         -- specified value should not exceed one half the width of the narrowest
996
         -- node icon; if the layout is horizontal, it should not exceed one half
997
         -- the height of the shortest node icon. These limits will be enforced
998
         -- automatically for any nodes for which they are exceeded.
999
         -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1000
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1001
1002
          function get_arrow_spacing (of_view : view_type) return natural;
1003
1004
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the arrow spacing value for the
1005
          -- specified view.
1006
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1007
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1008
1009
          procedure set_outdated_flag (of_view : in view_type;
1010
                                       to_value : in boolean);
1011
1012
          -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the outdated flag for the
1013
          -- specified view to the specified value, indicating whether or not the
1014
          -- view is currently up to date.
1015
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted,
1016
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1017
1018
          function is_outdated (the_view : view_type) return boolean;
1019
1020
          -- Synopsis: This function returns an indication of whether of not the
1021
          -- specified view is currently up to date.
1022
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted, view_undefined
1023
          -- is raised.
1024
1025
          procedure set_topology_display (of_view : in view_type;
1026
                                          to_value : in boolean);
1027
1028
          -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the topology display flag for the
1029
          -- specified view to the specified value, indicating whether or not the
1030
          -- view's topology is to be displayed. If the view is currently displayed,
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1031
          -- the topology display is immediately made visible or invisible (depending
1032
          -- on the specified value).
1033
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted,
1034
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1035
1036
          function get_topology_display (of_view : view_type) return boolean;
1037
1038
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the topology display flag for the
1039
          -- specified view.
1040
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted, view_undefined
1041
          -- is raised.
1042
1043
          procedure display_view (the_view : in view_type);
1044
1045
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays the specified view. Only nodes and
1046
          -- arcs that have been layed out and are not suppressed are displayed.
1047
          -- If the view is already displayed, that display is revised to conform
1048
          -- with current layout and suppression settings.
1049
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted,
1050
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1051
          -- If the view has not been completely laid out (including specifying its
1052
          -- orientation), not_laid_out is raised.
1053
1054
          function is_displayed (the_view : view_type) return boolean;
1055
1056
          -- Synopsis: This function returns an indication of whether of not the
1057
          -- specified view is currently displayed.
1058
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted, view_undefined
1059
          -- is raised.
1060
1061
          procedure search_view (the_view : in view_type;
1062
                                 for_node : in graphs.node_type);
1063
1064
          -- Synopsis: This procedure searches the specified view for the specified
          -- node and (if found) centers it in the display area.
1065
1066
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted,
1067
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1068
          -- If the specified node is not defined or has been deleted,
1069
          -- graphs.node_undefined is raised.
1070
          -- If the specified node is not found in the specified view,
1071
          -- node_not_found is raised.
1072
1073
          procedure search_view (the_view : in view_type;
1074
                                 for_arc : in graphs.arc_type);
1075
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1076
          -- Synopsis: This procedure searches the specified view for the specified
1077
          -- arc and (if found) centers it in the display area.
1078
          -- If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted,
1079
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1080
          -- If the specified arc is not defined or has been deleted,
1081
          -- graphs.arc_undefined is raised.
1082
          -- If the specified arc is not found in the specified view,
1083
          -- arc_not_found is raised.
1084
1085
          procedure erase_view (the_view : in view_type);
1086
          -- Synopsis: This procedure erases the display of the specified view.
1087
1088
          -- If the specified view is not currently displayed, this procedure has no
1089
          -- effect.
1090
          - If the specified view is not defined or has been deleted,
1091
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1092
1093
          procedure display_menu (the_menu : in menus.menu_type;
1094
                                  for_view : in view_type);
1095
1096
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays the specified modal menu, associating
1097
          -- it with the specified view, and constrains user input exclusively
1098
          -- to that menu. The menu is erased automatically after the user has
1099
          -- made a selection.
1100
          -- If the specified menu is not defined or has been deleted,
1101
          -- menus.menu_undefined is raised.
1102
1103
          procedure display_menu (the_menu : in menus.menu_type;
1104
                                  for_node : in node_type;
1105
                                  of_view : in view_type);
1106
1107
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays the specified modal menu, associating
1108
          -- it with the specified node, and constrains user input exclusively
1109
          -- to that menu. The menu is erased automatically after the user has
1110
          -- made a selection.
1111
          -- If the specified node is not defined or has been deleted,
1112
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1113
          -- If the specified menu is not defined or has been deleted,
1114
          -- menus.menu_undefined is raised.
1115
1116
          procedure display_menu (the_menu : in menus.menu_type;
1117
                                  for_arc : in arc_type;
1118
                                  of_view : in view_type);
1119
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays the specified modal menu, associating
1120
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1121
         -- it with the specified arc, and constrains user input exclusively
1122
         -- to that menu. The menu is erased automatically after the user has
1123
          -- made a selection.
1124
         -- If the specified arc is not defined or has been deleted,
         -- arc_undefined is raised.
1125
1126
         -- If the specified menu is not defined or has been deleted,
1127
          -- menus.menu_undefined is raised.
1128
1129
          generic
1130
            with procedure visit (the_view : in view_type;
1131
                                 continue : out boolean);
1132
         procedure iterate_views;
1133
1134
          -- Synopsis: This procedure iterates through all views, and executes the
1135
         -- specified "visit" procedure for each view. The iteration order is not
1136
         -- defined. Iteration terminates when the "visit" procedure returns a
1137
         -- value of FALSE for the continue parameter.
1138
1139
         -- Node Operations:
1140
1141
         procedure insert_node (
                                     the_view_node : in out node_type;
1142
                                     of_graph_node : in graphs.node_type;
1143
                                     into_view
                                                   : in view_type;
1144
                                     label_as
                                                   : in node_label
1145
                                                    := "";
1146
                                     set_attributes : in attributes
1147
                                                   := no_attributes;
1148
                                     set_action
                                                   : in callbacks.callback_type
1149
                                                    := callbacks.no_callback);
1150
1151
         -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a view node corresponding to the
1152
         -- specified graph node, indicating that the node is to be depicted with
1153
         -- the specified label and attributes and that the specified action is to
1154
         -- be taken upon node selection, and inserts it into the specified view.
1155
         -- Note that by default the nodes are depicted with no labels or attributes.
1156
         -- If the specified view has not been created or has been deleted,
1157
         -- view_undefined is raised.
1158
         -- View_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
         -- to insert the node into the view.
1159
         -- WARNING: THERE IS NO PROTECTION AGAINST INSERTING TWO VIEW NODES THAT
1160
1161
         -- BOTH REFERENCE THE SAME GRAPH NODE INTO THE SAME VIEW; DOING SO MAY
1162
         -- PRODUCE UNEXPECTED RESULTS. IT IS THE APPLICATION'S RESPONSIBILITY
         -- TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN.
1163
1164
1165
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1166
                                      from_view : in view_type);
1167
1168
          -- Synopsis: This procedure removes the specified node from the specified
1169
          -- view. The specified node is deleted and becomes undefined.
1170
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been
1171
          -- deleted, view_undefined is raised.
1172
          -- If the specified node is not defined to begin with, node_undefined
1173
          -- is raised.
1174
          -- If there is no such node in the specified view, node_not_found
1175
          -- is raised.
1176
          -- If the specified node is referenced by any arcs in the view (as either
1177
          -- a source node or a destination node), node_has_references is raised.
1178
          -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
1179
          -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE NODE VIA ASSIGNMENT.
1180
1181
          function is_defined (
                                    the_node : node_type) return boolean;
1182
1183
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified node is
1184
          -- currently defined.
1185
1186
          function is_a_member_of(
                                      the_node : node_type;
1187
                                      the_view : view_type) return boolean;
1188
1189
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified node is
1190
          -- a member of the specified view.
1191
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1192
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1193
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1194
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1195
1196
          function graph_node_of (the_node : node_type) return graphs.node_type;
1197
1198
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the graph node that the view node is
1199
          -- a view of.
1200
          -- If the specified view node is not defined or has been removed,
1201
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1202
1203
          function is_in_view (graph_node : graphs.node_type;
1204
                               the_view : view_type) return boolean;
1205
1206
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified graph
1207
          -- node is depicted in the specified view.
1208
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1209
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1210
          -- If the specified graph node has not been defined or has been deleted,
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1211
          -- graphs.node_undefined is raised.
1212
1213
          function view_node_of (graph_node : graphs.node_type;
1214
                                 from_view : view_type) return node_type;
1215
1216
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the node of the specified view
1217
          -- that depicts the specified graph node.
1218
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been destroyed,
1219
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1220
          -- If the specified graph node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1221
          -- graphs.node_undefined is raised.
1222
          -- If there is no such node in the specified view, node_not_found
1223
          -- is raised.
1224
1225
          function label_of ( the_node : node_type) return node_label;
1226
1227
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the label associated with the
1228
          -- specified node (i.e., the label that was specified when the node was
1229
          -- inserted into the view).
1230
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1231
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1232
1233
          function has_attributes (the_node : node_type) return boolean;
1234
1235
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not any attributes have
          -- been set for the specified node.
1236
1237
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1238
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1239
1240
          procedure refresh_attributes (the_node
                                                       : in node_type;
1241
                                        new_attributes : in attributes);
1242
1243
          -- Synopsis: This procedure refreshes the attributes displayed for the
1244
          -- specified node. If no attributes were set for the node when it was
1245
          -- first inserted into the view, this procedure has no effect.
1246
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1247
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1248
          procedure set_action (the_node : in node_type;
1249
1250
                                the_action : in callbacks.callback_type);
1251
1252
          -- Synopsis: This procedure defines a callback procedure to be invoked
1253
          -- automatically when the user selects the specified node.
1254
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1255
          -- node_undefined is raised.
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1256
1257
          function get_action (the_node : node_type)
1258
                              return callbacks.callback_type;
1259
1260
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the previously defined callback
1261
          -- procedure for the specified node.
1262
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1263
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1264
1265
          procedure set_position (of_node
                                               : in node_type;
1266
                                  to_position : in coordinates_type);
1267
1268
          -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the x-y coordinates of the specified
1269
          -- node to the specified values.
1270
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1271
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1272
1273
          function get_position (of_node : node_type) return coordinates_type;
1274
1275
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the x-y coordinates of the specified
1276
          -- node.
1277
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1278
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1279
1280
          function get_dimensions (of_node
                                                     : node_type;
1281
                                    with_orientation : orientation_type)
1282
                                  return dimensions_type;
1283
1284
          -- Synopsis: This function returns overall the x-y dimensions (i.e.,
1285
          -- width and height) for layout of the specified node, including its icon
1286
          -- and any labels or attributes, in the specified orientation.
1287
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1288
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1289
1290
          function get_icon_dimensions (of_node : node_type) return dimensions_type;
1291
1292
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the x-y dimensions (i.e., width and
1293
          -- height) of the icon representing the node, exclusive of any labels or
1294
          -- attributes.
1295
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1296
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1297
1298
          procedure set_suppression (of_node : in node_type;
1299
                                     to_value : in boolean);
1300
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1301
          -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the suppression flag for the
1302
          -- specified node to the specified value, indicating whether or not
1303
          -- the node is to be suppressed from the display.
1304
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1305
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1306
1307
          function is_suppressed (the_node : node_type) return boolean;
1308
1309
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the node is to be
1310
          -- suppressed from the display.
1311
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1312
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1313
1314
          function number_of_arcs_from (the_node : node_type) return natural;
1315
1316
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the number of arcs emanating from
1317
          -- the specified node.
1318
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1319
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1320
1321
          function number_of_arcs_to (the_node : node_type) return natural;
1322
1323
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the number of arcs terminating
1324
          -- at (i.e., directed to) the specified node.
1325
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1326
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1327
1328
          generic
1329
            with procedure visit (the_node : in node_type;
1330
                                   continue : out boolean);
1331
          procedure iterate_nodes (of_the_view: in view_type);
1332
1333
          -- Synopsis: This procedure interates through all of the nodes in the
1334
          -- specified view, and executes the specified "visit" procedure for each
          -- node. The iteration order is not defined. Iteration terminates when
1335
1336
          -- the "visit" procedure returns a value of FALSE for the continue
1337
          -- parameter.
1338
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1339
1340
1341
          -- Arc Operations:
1342
1343
          procedure insert_arc (
                                       the_view_arc : in out arc_type;
1344
                                       of_graph_arc : in graphs.arc_type;
1345
                                       into_view
                                                      : in view_type;
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1346
                                      label_as : in arc_label
1347
                                                     := "";
1348
                                      set_attributes : in attributes
1349
                                                     := no_attributes;
1350
                                      set_action
                                                   : in callbacks.callback_type
1351
                                                     := callbacks.no_callback);
1352
1353
          -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a view arc corresponding to the
1354
          -- specified graph arc, indicating that the arc is to be depicted with
1355
          -- the specified label and attributes and that the specified action is to
1356
          -- be taken upon arc selection, and inserts it into the specified view.
1357
          -- Note that by default the arcs are depicted with no labels or attributes.
1358
          -- If the specified view has not been created or has been deleted,
1359
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1360
          -- If either the source or destination node of the specified arc has not
1361
          -- been inserted into the specified view or has been deleted,
1362
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1363
          -- View_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
1364
          -- to insert the arc into the view.
1365
          -- WARNING: THERE IS NO PROTECTION AGAINST INSERTING TWO VIEW ARCS THAT
1366
          -- BOTH REFERENCE THE SAME GRAPH ARC INTO THE SAME VIEW.
1367
1368
          procedure remove_arc (
                                   the_arc : in out arc_type;
1369
                                     from_view : in view_type);
1370
1371
          -- Synopsis: This procedure removes the specified arc from the specified
1372
          -- view. The specified arc is deleted and becomes undefined.
1373
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been
1374
          -- deleted, view_undefined is raised.
1375
          -- If the specified arc is not defined to begin with, arc_undefined
1376
          -- is raised.
1377
          -- If there is no such arc in the specified view, arc_not_found
1378
1379
          -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
1380
          -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE ARC VIA ASSIGNMENT.
1381
1382
          function is_defined ( the_arc : arc_type) return boolean;
1383
1384
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified arc is
1385
          -- currently defined.
1386
1387
          function is_a_member_of( the_arc : arc_type;
1388
                                      the_view : view_type) return boolean;
1389
1390
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified arc is
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1391
          -- a member of the specified view.
1392
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1393
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1394
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1395
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1396
1397
          function graph_arc_of (the_arc : arc_type) return graphs.arc_type;
1398
1399
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the graph arc that the view arc is
1400
1401
          -- If the specified view arc is not defined or has been removed,
1402
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1403
1404
          function is_in_view (graph_arc : graphs.arc_type;
1405
                               the_view : view_type) return boolean;
1406
1407
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the specified graph
1408
          -- arc is depicted in the specified view.
1409
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1410
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1411
          -- If the specified graph arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1412
          -- graphs.arc_undefined is raised.
1413
          function view_arc_of (graph_arc : graphs.arc_type;
1414
1415
                                from_view : view_type) return arc_type;
1416
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the arc of the specified view
1417
1418
          -- that depicts the specified graph arc.
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been destroyed,
1419
1420
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1421
          -- If the specified graph arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1422
          -- graphs.arc_undefined is raised.
1423
          -- If there is no such arc in the specified view, arc_not_found
1424
          -- is raised.
1425
1426
          function label_of ( the_arc : arc_type) return arc_label;
1427
1428
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the label associated with the
1429
          -- specified arc (i.e., the label that was specified when the arc was
1430
          -- inserted into the view).
1431
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1432
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1433
1434
          function source_of (the_arc : arc_type) return node_type;
1435
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1436
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the source node of the specified
          -- arc (i.e., the node that was specified as from node when the arc
1437
1438
          -- was defined).
1439
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1440
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1441
1442
          function destination_of (the_arc : arc_type) return node_type;
1443
1444
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the destination node of the specified
1445
          -- arc (i.e., the node that was specified as to_node when the arc was
1446
          -- defined).
1447
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1448
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1449
1450
          procedure redirect_arc (the_arc : in arc_type;
1451
                                  of_view : in view_type;
1452
                                  new_source : in node_type;
1453
                                  new_dest : in node_type);
1454
1455
          -- Synopsis: This procedure redirects an arc from the newly-specified
1456
          -- source node to the newly-specified destination node. It is intended
1457
          -- to support automatic layout procedures by allowing them to temporarily
1458
          -- break cycles in a cyclic graph. It is expected that such automatic
1459
          -- layout procedures will restore redirected arcs to their original
1460
          -- directions upon completion of the layout algorithm.
1461
          -- If the specified view has not been created or has been deleted,
1462
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1463
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1464
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1465
          -- If there is no such arc in the specified view, arc_not_found
1466
          -- is raised.
1467
          -- If either of the specified nodes has not been inserted into
1468
          -- the specified view or has been deleted, node_undefined is raised.
1469
1470
          function has_attributes (the_arc : arc_type) return boolean;
1471
1472
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not any attributes have
1473
          -- been set for the specified arc.
1474
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1475
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1476
          procedure refresh_attributes (the_arc
1477
                                                       : in arc_type;
1478
                                        new_attributes : in attributes);
1479
1480
          -- Synopsis: This procedure refreshes the attributes displayed for the
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1481
          -- specified arc. If no attributes were set for the arc when it was
1482
          -- first inserted into the view, this procedure has no effect.
1483
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1484
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1485
1486
          procedure set_action (the_arc : in arc_type;
1487
                                the_action : in callbacks.callback_type);
1488
1489
          -- Synopsis: This procedure defines a callback procedure to be invoked
1490
          -- automatically when the user selects the specified arc.
1491
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1492
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1493
1494
          function get_action (the_arc : arc_type)
1495
                              return callbacks.callback_type;
1496
1497
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the previously defined callback
1498
          -- procedure for the specified arc.
1499
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1500
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1501
1502
          procedure set_position (of_arc
                                              : in arc_type;
1503
                                  to_position : in coordinates_type);
1504
1505
          -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the x-y coordinates of the specified
1506
          -- arc to the specified values.
1507
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1508
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1509
1510
          function get_position (of_arc : arc_type) return coordinates_type;
1511
1512
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the x-y coordinates of the specified
1513
          -- arc.
1514
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1515
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1516
1517
          function get_dimensions (of_arc : arc_type;
1518
                                   with_orientation : orientation_type)
1519
                                  return dimensions_type;
1520
1521
          -- Synopsis: This function returns overall the x-y dimensions (i.e.,
          -- width and height) for layout of the specified arc, including its icon
1522
1523
          -- and any labels or attributes, in the specified orientation.
1524
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1525
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
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1526
1527
          function get_icon_dimensions (of_arc : arc_type) return dimensions_type;
1528
1529
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the x-y dimensions (i.e., width and
1530
          -- height) of the icon representing the arc, exclusive of any labels or
1531
          -- attributes.
1532
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1533
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1534
1535
          procedure set_suppression (of_arc : in arc_type;
1536
                                     to_value : in boolean);
1537
1538
          -- Synopsis: This procedure sets the suppression flag for the
1539
          -- specified arc to the specified value, indicating whether or not
1540
          -- the arc is to be suppressed from the display.
1541
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1542
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1543
1544
          function is_suppressed (the_arc : arc_type) return boolean;
1545
1546
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether or not the arc is to be
1547
          -- suppressed from the display.
1548
          -- If the specified arc has not been defined or has been deleted,
1549
          -- arc_undefined is raised.
1550
1551
          generic
1552
            with procedure visit (the_arc : in arc_type;
1553
                                  continue : out boolean);
1554
          procedure iterate_arcs (of_the_view : in view_type);
1555
1556
          -- Synopsis: This procedure iterates through all of the arcs in the
1557
          -- specified view, and executes the specified "visit" procedure for each
1558
          -- arc. The iteration order is not defined. Iteration terminates when
1559
          -- the "visit" procedure returns a value of FALSE for the continue
1560
          -- parameter.
1561
          -- If the specified view has not been defined or has been deleted,
1562
          -- view_undefined is raised.
1563
1564
          generic
1565
            with procedure visit (the_arc : in arc_type;
1566
                                  continue : out boolean);
1567
         procedure iterate_arcs_from (the_node : in node_type);
1568
          -- Synopsis: This procedure iterates through all of the arcs emanating
1569
1570
          -- from the specified node, and executes the specified "visit" procedure
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1571
          -- for each arc. The iteration order is not defined. Iteration terminates
1572
          -- when the "visit" procedure returns a value of FALSE for the continue
1573
          -- parameter.
1574
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1575
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1576
1577
          generic
1578
            with procedure visit (the_arc : in arc_type;
1579
                                   continue : out boolean);
1580
          procedure iterate_arcs_to (the_node : in node_type);
1581
1582
          -- Synopsis: This procedure iterates through all of the arcs terminating
          -- at the specified node, and executes the specified "visit" procedure
1583
1584
          -- for each arc. The iteration order is not defined. Iteration terminates
1585
          -- when the "visit" procedure returns a value of FALSE for the continue
1586
          -- parameter.
1587
          -- If the specified node has not been defined or has been deleted,
1588
          -- node_undefined is raised.
1589
1590
        private
1591
          type view_structure (node_hash_buckets : positive;
1592
                               arc_hash_buckets : positive); -- full type
1593
            -- declaration deferred to the package body
1594
          type view_type is access view_structure;
1595
          type node_info; -- full type declaration deferred to the package body
1596
          type node_type is access node_info;
1597
          type arc_info; -- full type declaration deferred to the package body
1598
          type arc_type is access arc_info;
1599
          no_view : constant view_type := null;
1600
          no_node : constant node_type := null;
1601
          no_arc : constant arc_type := null;
1602
        end views;
1603
1604
1605
        package text is
1606
1607
          -- Abstract data types and utilities for text-based interactions.
1608
          --
1609
1610
          -- Types:
1611
1612
          type buffer_type is private;
1613
1614
          type display_type is private;
1615
          type display_kind is (buffer_display, file_display);
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1616
1617
          -- Exceptions:
1618
1619
          buffer_undefined : exception; -- the specified buffer does not exist
1620
          buffer_overflow : exception; -- insufficient resources are available to
1621
            -- create the buffer or to append to it
1622
          buffer_in_use : exception; -- the buffer contents are currently displayed
1623
1624
          display_undefined : exception; -- the specified text display does not exist
1625
          display_overflow : exception; -- insufficient resources are available to
1626
            -- create the text display
1627
          wrong_display_kind : exception; -- operation not compatible with the
1628
            -- kind of display specified
1629
1630
          -- Constants:
1631
          no_display : constant display_type; -- a value for an undefined text
1632
1633
            -- display; all objects of type display_type are initialized to this
1634
            -- value by default, and are set to this value when erased.
1635
1636
          no_buffer : constant buffer_type; -- a value for an undefined text
1637
            -- buffer; all objects of type buffer_type are initialized to this
1638
            -- value by default, and are set to this value when deleted.
1639
1640
          max_input_length : constant := 100; -- max length of arbitrary string input
1641
1642
          -- Buffer Operations:
1643
1644
          procedure create_buffer (the_buffer : in out buffer_type;
1645
                                   size
                                              : in positive);
1646
1647
          -- Synopsis: This procedure creates a text buffer of the specified size
1648
          -- (in characters).
1649
          -- Buffer_overflow is raised if there are insufficient resources available
1650
          -- to create the buffer.
1651
1652
          procedure delete_buffer (the_buffer : in out buffer_type);
1653
1654
          -- Synopsis: This procedure deletes the specified text buffer.
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist in the first place,
1655
1656
          -- buffer_undefined is raised.
          -- If the contents of the specified text buffer are currently being
1657
1658
          -- displayed, buffer_in_use is raised.
          -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
1659
          -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE TEXT BUFFER VIA
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1661
          -- ASSIGNMENT.
1662
1663
          procedure clear_buffer (the_buffer : in out buffer_type);
1664
1665
          -- Synopsis: This procedure clears the specified text buffer.
1666
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
1667
1668
          procedure append (the_buffer : in out buffer_type;
1669
                            the_text : in string);
1670
1671
          -- Synopsis: This procedure appends the specified string to the
1672
          -- specified text buffer.
1673
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
1674
          -- If appending the specified text to the buffer would cause it to overflow,
1675
          -- buffer_overflow is raised.
1676
1677
          procedure append_line (the_buffer : in out buffer_type;
1678
                                 the_text : in string);
1679
1680
          -- Synopsis: This procedure appends the specified string and an end-of-
1681
          -- line character to the specified text buffer.
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
1682
1683
          -- If appending this text to the buffer would cause it to overflow,
1684
          -- buffer_overflow is raised.
1685
1686
          procedure new_line (the_buffer : in out buffer_type;
1687
                              count : in positive := 1);
1688
1689
          -- Synopsis: This procedure appends the specified number of end-of-line
1690
          -- characters to the specified text buffer.
1691
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
1692
          -- If appending the specified number of end-of-line characters to the
1693
          -- buffer would cause it to overflow, buffer_overflow is raised.
1694
1695
          function length_of (the_buffer : in buffer_type) return natural;
1696
1697
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the length of the contents of the
1698
          -- specified text buffer, in characters.
1699
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
1700
1701
          function contents_of (the_buffer : in buffer_type) return string;
1702
          -- Synopsis: This function returns the contents of the specified text
1703
1704
          -- buffer.
1705
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
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1706
1707
          -- Display Operations:
1708
1709
          procedure display_text (the_display : in out display_type;
1710
                                  from_buffer : in buffer_type;
1711
                                  use_title : in string := " ";
1712
                                  quit_action : in callbacks.callback_type
1713
                                              := callbacks.no_callback);
1714
1715
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays text from the specified buffer on
          -- the screen, exhibiting the specified title, and returns a display object
1716
          -- that may later be used to erase or refresh the display. The text
1717
1718
          -- remains displayed until explicitly erased by the application (via a
1719
          -- call to erase_text). The user may request that the text display be
          -- erased by selecting its "QUIT" button. In that case, the application
1720
1721
          -- is notified of the user's request via a text_quit event. The
1722
          -- application may specify a callback procedure (quit_action) to handle
1723
          -- the text_quit event.
1724
          -- If the specified text buffer does not exist, buffer_undefined is raised.
1725
1726
          procedure display_text (the_display : in out display_type;
1727
                                  from_file : in string;
1728
                                  use_title : in string := " ";
1729
                                  quit_action : in callbacks.callback_type
1730
                                              := callbacks.no_callback);
1731
1732
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays text from the specified file (i.e.,
1733
          -- the file having the specified external name) on the screen, exhibiting
1734
          -- the specified title, and returns a display object that may later be used
1735
          -- to erase or refresh the display. The text remains displayed until
1736
          -- explicitly erased by the application (via a call to erase_text). The
1737
          -- user may request that the text display be erased by selecting its
          -- "QUIT" button. In that case, the application is notified of the user's
1738
1739
          -- request via a text_quit event. The application may specify a callback
1740
          -- procedure (quit_action) to handle the text_quit event.
1741
1742
          procedure erase_text (the_display : in out display_type);
1743
1744
          -- Synopsis: This procedure erases the specified text display from the
1745
          -- screen and then makes the display object undefined.
1746
          -- If the specified display object is initially undefined,
1747
          -- display_undefined is raised.
1748
          -- WARNING: THIS OPERATION MAY LEAVE DANGLING REFERENCES, IF THE
1749
          -- APPLICATION HAS CREATED MULTIPLE ALIASES FOR THE DISPLAY OBJECT VIA
1750
          -- ASSIGNMENT.
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1751
1752
          procedure refresh_text (the_display : in display_type);
1753
1754
          -- Synopsis: This procedure updates the specified text display, using
1755
          -- the latest contents of its associated buffer or file.
1756
          -- If the specified display object is undefined, display_undefined is
1757
          -- raised.
1758
1759
          function kind_of (the_display : display_type) return display_kind;
1760
1761
          -- Synopsis: This function indicates whether the text being displayed
1762
          -- is from file or a buffer.
1763
          -- If the specified display object is undefined, display_undefined is
1764
          -- raised.
1765
1766
          function get_buffer (the_display : display_type) return buffer_type;
1767
1768
          -- Synopsis: This function obtains the text buffer that is associated
1769
          -- with the specified display.
1770
          -- If the specified display object is undefined, display_undefined is
1771
          -- raised.
1772
          -- If the specified display is not of kind buffer_display,
1773
          -- wrong_display_kind is raised.
1774
1775
          function get_file (the_display : display_type) return string;
1776
1777
          -- Synopsis: This function obtains the name of the text file that is
1778
          -- associated with the specified display.
1779
          -- If the specified display object is undefined, display_undefined is
1780
          -- raised.
1781
          -- If the specified display is not of kind file_display,
1782
          -- wrong_display_kind is raised.
1783
1784
          -- Miscellaneous Text Utilities:
1785
1786
          procedure display_alert (the_alert_msg : in string);
1787
1788
          -- Synopsis: This procedure displays an alert message (e.g., an error
1789
          -- message), which remains displayed until acknowledged by the user.
1790
          -- The user must acknowledge the alert message before any further
1791
          -- selections can be made.
1792
1793
          procedure prompt_for_input (the_prompt : in string
                                                    := " ";
1794
1795
                                       input_length : in positive
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1796
                                                    := max_input_length;
1797
                                                    : in callbacks.callback_type
                                      the_action
1798
                                                    := callbacks.no_callback);
1799
1800
          -- Synopsis: This procedure prompts the user to type in a string of at
1801
          -- most the specified input length, and causes the specified action
1802
          -- routine to be invoked once the user has responded. The application
1803
          -- is notified of the user's response via a string_input event. The
1804
          -- application may define a callback procedure (the_action) to handle
          -- the string_input event. The user must respond to the prompt before
1805
1806
          -- any further selections can be made.
1807
1808
        private
1809
          type buffer_structure (size : positive); -- full type declaration deferred
1810
            -- to the package body
1811
          type buffer_type is access buffer_structure;
1812
          no_buffer : constant buffer_type := null;
1813
          type display_info (kind : display_kind); -- full type declaration deferred
1814
            -- to the package body
1815
          type display_type is access display_info;
1816
          no_display : constant display_type := null;
1817
        end text;
1818
1819
1820
        package view_utilities is
1821
          -- Generic utility routines to facilitate the construction and maintenance
1822
1823
          -- of views.
1824
1825
1826
          generic
1827
1828
            -- Node selection function and functions to supply representation
            -- and behavioral characteristics for each node.
1829
1830
1831
            with function include_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1832
                                       return boolean;
1833
            with function label_for_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1834
                                       return views.node_label;
1835
            with function attributes_for_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1836
                                       return views.attributes;
1837
            with function action_for_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1838
                                      return callbacks.callback_type;
1839
1840
            -- Arc selection function and functions to supply representation
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1841
            -- and behavioral characteristics for each arc.
1842
1843
            with function include_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1844
                                      return boolean;
1845
            with function label_for_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1846
                                       return views.arc_label;
1847
            with function attributes_for_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
                                      return views.attributes;
1848
            with function action_for_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1849
1850
                                      return callbacks.callback_type;
1851
                                                     : in out views.view_type;
1852
          procedure construct_view (the_view
1853
                                                    : in graphs.graph_type;
                                     of_graph
                                     with_cmd_list : in cmd_lists.cmd_list_type;
1854
1855
                                     with_title
                                                     : in views.view_title;
1856
                                     estimated_arcs : in positive
1857
                                                     := anticipated_arcs;
1858
                                     estimated_nodes : in positive
1859
                                                     := anticipated_nodes);
1860
1861
          -- Synopsis: This procedure automates the construction of a view of a
1862
          -- graph. It scans all nodes and arcs of the specified graph, applies
1863
          -- the "include" function to determine whether or not to include each one,
          -- and inserts the included arcs and nodes into the view.
1864
          -- The "label_for", "attributes_for" and "action_for" functions are applied
1865
          -- to each included node and arc to obtain the required representation
1866
1867
          -- and behavioral characteristics.
          -- The view is created with the specified command list and title.
1868
1869
          -- Insertion, deletion and lookup operations involving arcs and nodes of
1870
          -- the view are optimized for a view having the estimated number of arcs
1871
          -- and nodes, respectively.
1872
1873
          generic
1874
1875
            -- Node selection function and functions to supply representation
1876
            -- and behavioral characteristics for each node.
1877
1878
            with function include_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1879
                                       return boolean;
            with function label_for_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1880
1881
                                       return views.node_label;
1882
            with function attributes_for_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
1883
                                       return views.attributes;
1884
            with function action_for_node (the_node : graphs.node_type)
                                       return callbacks.callback_type;
1885
```

```
1886
1887
            -- Arc selection function and functions to supply representation
1888
            -- and behavioral characteristics for each arc.
1889
1890
            with function include_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1891
                                       return boolean:
1892
            with function label_for_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1893
                                      return views.arc_label;
1894
            with function attributes_for_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1895
                                       return views.attributes;
1896
            with function action_for_arc (the_arc : graphs.arc_type)
1897
                                       return callbacks.callback_type;
1898
1899
            -- Layout algorithm for re-layout.
1900
1901
            with procedure layout (the_view : in views.view_type);
1902
1903
          procedure refresh_view (the_view : in views.view_type);
1904
1905
          -- Synopsis: This procedure updates a view to conform to the current
1906
          -- state of its associated graph. It scans all nodes and arcs of the
1907
          -- graph, applies the "include" function to each one to determine which
1908
          -- ones are included in the view, and updates the corresponding nodes
1909
          -- and arcs of the view. Included nodes and arcs that have been deleted
1910
          -- from the graph are removed from the view. Included nodes and arcs
1911
          -- that have been added to the graph are inserted into the view.
1912
          -- Other included nodes and arcs are updated to show the latest attribute
1913
          -- values. The "label_for", "attributes_for" and "action_for" functions
1914
          -- are applied to nodes and arcs of the graph to obtain the required
1915
          -- representation and behavioral characteristics for insertion into the
1916
          -- view. The "attributes_for" functions are applied to nodes and arcs
1917
          -- of the graph to obtain the latest attribute values.
1918
          -- The view is then re-laid-out and re-displayed.
1919
1920
          generic
1921
1922
            -- Node selection function (selects which nodes to suppress).
1923
1924
            with function suppress_node (the_node : views.node_type)
1925
                                       return boolean;
1926
1927
            -- Arc selection function (selects which arcs to suppress).
1928
1929
            with function suppress_arc (the_arc : views.arc_type)
1930
                                       return boolean:
```

```
1931
1932
          procedure filter_view (the_view : in views.view_type);
1933
1934
          -- Synopsis: This procedure filters an existing view, by suppressing
1935
          -- the display of some or all of its nodes and arcs. The nodes are
1936
          -- filtered first, then the arcs. Any node that is not explicitly
1937
          -- suppressed is unsuppressed by default. Any arc that is not
1938
          -- explicitly suppressed is unsuppressed if and only if neither its
1939
          -- source nor destination node has been suppressed. The filtering
1940
          -- is not apparent to the user until the view is redisplayed (via a
1941
          -- call to the views.display_view procedure).
1942
1943
        end view_utilities;
1944
1945
1946
        package layout_algorithms is
1947
1948
          -- Algorithms for laying out a view of a directed graph.
1949
1950
1951
          -- Constants:
1952
1953
          procedure cyclic_horizontal (the_view : in views.view_type;
1954
                                       x_pad
                                                : in natural := 30;
1955
                                                : in natural := 10);
                                       y_pad
1956
1957
          -- Synopsis: This procedure lays out the specified view horizontally,
1958
          -- using an algorithm accomodates cycles. The algorithm is based on
1959
          -- an algorithm presented in the following paper:
1960
          -- Robins, G., "The ISI Grapher: a Portable Tool for Displaying Graphs
1961
          -- Pictorially," ISI/RS-87-196, USC/Information Sciences Institute,
1962
          -- reprinted from the Proceedings of Symboliikka '87, Helsinki, Finland,
1963
          -- August 17-18, 1987.
1964
          -- It has been optimized somewhat, however, and has been modified
1965
          -- substantially to accomodate cycles and to lay out arcs as well as nodes.
1966
          -- The x_pad and y_pad parameters specify the minimum spacing (in pixels)
1967
          -- between node and arc depictions in the X and Y directions, respectively.
1968
1969
          procedure acyclic_horizontal (the_view : in views.view_type;
1970
                                        x_pad
                                                  : in natural := 30;
1971
                                        y_pad
                                                  : in natural := 10);
1972
1973
          -- Synopsis: This procedure lays out the specified view horizontally
1974
          -- as well, but uses an algorithm that does not handle cycles. This is
1975
          -- essentially the same algorithm as is used for the cyclic_horizontal
```

```
1976
          -- layout procedure, but without the modifications to accomodate cycles.
1977
          -- The x_pad and y_pad parameters specify the minimum spacing (in pixels)
1978
          -- between node and arc depictions in the X and Y directions, respectively.
1979
          -- Because it does not have to check for cycles, this algorithm is faster
1980
          -- than the algorithm use for the cyclic_horizontal procedure. Therefore,
1981
          -- this procedure should be preferred for applications that can guarantee
1982
          -- that the view does not contain a cycle.
1983
          -- WARNING: IF USED ON A VIEW CONTAINING A CYCLE, THIS PROCEDURE WILL
          -- EITHER HANG OR RAISE A STORAGE_ERROR EXCEPTION.
1984
1985
1986
          procedure cyclic_vertical (the_view : in views.view_type;
1987
                                     x_pad
                                              : in natural := 10;
1988
                                     y_pad
                                              : in natural := 30);
1989
1990
          -- Synopsis: This procedure lays out the specified view vertically,
1991
          -- using an algorithm accomodates cycles. The algorithm is based on
1992
          -- an algorithm presented in the following paper:
1993
          -- Robins, G., "The ISI Grapher: a Portable Tool for Displaying Graphs
1994
          -- Pictorially," ISI/RS-87-196, USC/Information Sciences Institute,
1995
          -- reprinted from the Proceedings of Symboliikka '87, Helsinki, Finland,
1996
          -- August 17-18, 1987.
1997
          -- It has been rewritten to produce a vertical layout, rather than a
1998
          -- horizontal layout. It has also been optimized somewhat, and has been
1999
          -- modified to accommodate cycles and to lay out arcs as well as nodes.
2000
          -- The x_pad and y_pad parameters specify the minimum spacing (in pixels)
2001
          -- between node and arc depictions in the X and Y directions, respectively.
2002
2003
          procedure acyclic_vertical (the_view : in views.view_type;
2004
                                               : in natural := 10;
                                      x_pad
2005
                                      y_pad
                                                : in natural := 30);
2006
2007
          -- Synopsis: This procedure lays out the specified view vertically
2008
          -- as well, but uses an algorithm that does not handle cycles. This is
2009
          -- essentially the same algorithm as is used for the cyclic_vertical
2010
          -- layout procedure, but without the modifications to accommodate cycles.
2011
          -- The x_pad and y_pad parameters specify the minimum spacing (in pixels)
2012
          -- between node and arc depictions in the X and Y directions, respectively.
2013
          -- Because it does not have to check for cycles, this algorithm is faster
2014
          -- than the algorithm use for the cyclic_vertical procedure. Therefore,
2015
          -- this procedure should be preferred for applications that can guarantee
2016
          -- that the view does not contain a cycle.
2017
          -- WARNING: IF USED ON A VIEW CONTAINING A CYCLE, THIS PROCEDURE WILL
2018
          -- EITHER HANG OR RAISE A STORAGE_ERROR EXCEPTION.
2019
2020
        end layout_algorithms;
```

```
2021
2022
2023
        -- The following is the full definition of type event, which describes
2024
        -- user actions (events) in detail.
2025
        type event_info (kind : event_kind
2026
                               := event_kind'first) is -- describes the event in detail
2027
          record
2028
            view : views.view_type;
2029
            case kind is
2030
              when position_select =>
2031
                 position : views.coordinates_type;
2032
               when command_select =>
2033
                 command : cmd_lists.cmd_index;
2034
               when subcommand_select =>
2035
                 topcommand : cmd_lists.cmd_index;
2036
                 subcommand : cmd_lists.cmd_index;
2037
               when menu_item_select =>
2038
                 menu : menus.menu_type;
2039
                 item : menus.item_index;
2040
              when node_menu_item_select =>
2041
                 n_node : views.node_type;
2042
                n_menu : menus.menu_type;
2043
                 n_item : menus.item_index;
2044
              when arc_menu_item_select =>
2045
                 a_arc : views.arc_type;
2046
                 a_menu : menus.menu_type;
2047
                 a_item : menus.item_index;
2048
              when menu_cancel =>
2049
                null;
2050
               when node_select =>
2051
                 node : views.node_type;
2052
              when arc_select =>
2053
                 arc : views.arc_type;
2054
              when text_quit =>
2055
                 display : text.display_type;
2056
              when string_input =>
2057
                 input : string (1..text.max_input_length);
2058
                 length : natural;
2059
              when input_cancel =>
2060
                 null;
2061
              when browser_quit =>
2062
                null:
2063
            end case;
2064
          end record:
2065
```

```
2066
        procedure initialize (main_commands : in cmd_lists.cmd_list_type);
2067
2068
        -- Synopsis: This procedure displays the browser application's main
2069
        -- window and the specified command list. If the main window is already
2070
        -- displayed, this procedure has no effect.
2071
        -- If the specified command list has not been defined or has been deleted,
2072
        -- cmd_lists.cmd_list_undefined is raised.
2073
2074
        procedure browse (event : out event_info);
2075
2076
        -- Synopsis: This procedure activates the browser, thereby allowing the
2077
        -- user to interact with the display. Ideally, the application would
        -- define actions procedures (callbacks) for all display objects, which
2078
2079
        -- would be automatically invoked by the browser in response to user
2080
        -- actions. In this case, the browse procedure would never exit. This
2081
        -- is the preferred style of interaction, since it avoids interference
2082
        -- with the window system. If, however, it is desired that the browser
2083
        -- return control to the application in response to certain user actions,
2084
        -- the application need only refrain from defining action procedures for
        -- those actions. If the user performs some action for which there is
2085
2086
        -- no action procedure defined, the browse procedure exits and returns
2087
        -- an event indicating the nature of the user action.
2088
2089
        procedure quit;
2090
2091
        -- Synopsis: This procedure erases and destroys all windows created
2092
        -- by the browser application and terminates its connection with the
        -- underlying window system. If this procedure is called from within a
2093
2094
        -- callback procedure, the browse procedure will exit upon completion of
2095
        -- the callback and will return a browser_quit event.
2096
2097
2098
      end browser;
```

B Appendix: User Interface

In order to promote a common "look and feel" across all browser tools, it was necessary to somewhat constrain the user interface implemented by the Reusable Graphical Browser. Yet, in order to promote reuse, the user interface had to be made general enough to support a wide variety of browsing applications. These apparently conflicting goals have been reconciled by implementing a generic user interface that is tailorable for specific browser tools. This appendix describes the nature of that generic user interface and discusses the ways in which it can be tailored.

B.1 Model of User Interaction

As evidenced by its name, the Reusable Graphical Browser provides a primarily graphical user interface. This is not to say that the user interface is exclusively graphical. Provisions are made for text-based interaction as well, where appropriate.

In general, the user is presented with a graphical display of the objects within the OMS, the relationships between them, and the operations that may be performed on them. The user then interacts with the graphical display via a pointing device (e.g., a mouse). The user may use the pointing device to scan over the objects and relationships, select from among them or select an operation. When an object or relationship is selected, information about it may be displayed either graphically or textually. Similarly, the user may enter information concerning an object or relationship either graphically (via a pointing device) or textually (via a keyboard).

In the current implementation of the Reusable Graphical Browser, input and output are performed under the control of the X Window System. The Reusable Graphical Browser uses the X Toolkit to create a viewport widget (a scrollable window) in which to display the objects and relationships, to create widgets representing individual objects and relationships, to create command and menu widgets listing available operations, and to create text widgets and dialog boxes for text-based interactions. Mouse clicks on the viewport widget's scrollbars are handled internally by the X Toolkit, which scrolls the window in the selected direction. Mouse clicks on the object, relationship, command or menu widgets are reported to the Reusable Graphical Browser, which in turn dispatches them to predefined application callback procedures. Similarly, text entered into a dialog box is dispatched to a predefined application callback procedure. The application callback procedures may use facilities provided by the Reusable Graphical Browser to switch views or to display additional widgets (e.g., menus, dialog boxes or text) which the user may then interact with.

If a mouse click occurs which would normally be dispatched to an application callback procedure but the application has not defined such a procedure, the X Toolkit main loop is exited. The user's selection is then reported to the application via a return from the browser_instance.browse procedure instead of via a callback. In this case, the application must issue another call to the browser_instance.browser procedure before any more user inputs can be processed by the X Toolkit. Before issuing this call, the application may (if

so desired) use facilities provided by the Reusable Graphical Browser to switch views or to display additional widgets.

B.1.1 Output

Figure 2 illustrates the general screen layout supported by the Reusable Graphical Browser. Multiple instances of screens can be displayed simultaneously. Figure 2 demonstrates three instances of screens. Nevertheless, only one screen instance is allowed for each view. For example, the three screen instances in figure 2 represent three different views. A screen layout consists of the following elements:

- a single scrollable window, with both vertical and horizontal scrollbars, for displaying a view of the objects and relationships within an OMS;
- a label showing the title of the currently displayed view;
- a row of command buttons for commands (non-modal operations) associated with the view;
- menus of subcommands for individual commands;
- icons and associated labels (optional) and attributes (optional), depicting individual objects within the OMS;
- directed line segments connecting these object depictions, themselves marked with icons and associated labels (optional) and attributes (optional), depicting relationships between the objects;
- pop-up menus of modal operations that may be associated with individual objects or relationships or with individual views;
- scrollable pop-up text windows, with quit buttons, for displaying arbitrary text (e.g., attributes of objects or relationships);
- pop-up text windows, with confirmation buttons, for displaying alert messages;
- dialog boxes, with confirmation buttons, for inputting arbitrary text strings.
- optional topology display window, with scrollbars (if necessary), for navigating over the view.

For the purposes of this illustration, solid lines are used to indicate elements that are more or less permanent, whereas dashed lines are used to indicate elements that are transient. None of these elements would actually have dashed borders when they appear on the screen, however.

In addition to these screen elements, the twm window manager decorates the main application window and the pop-up text windows with title bars. The user can interact with these title bars to raise, lower, move, iconify or resize the windows. For further information on such interactions, please refer to the documentation provided with twm on the X window system distribution tape.

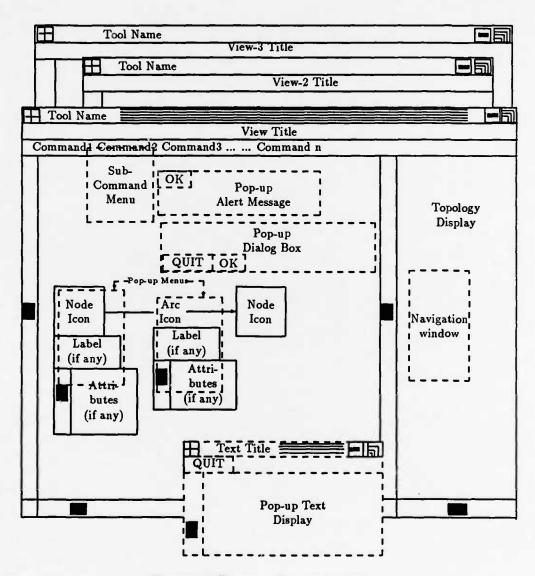


Figure 2: Browser Screen Layout

B.1.2 Input

The user supplies input to a browser tool by using the mouse to select various items appearing on the screen. To select an item, the user positions the mouse so that the pointer (a cursor in the shape of an arrow) is over the item and then clicks (depresses and releases) a mouse

button. Not all items appearing on the screen are selectable, however, nor are they all sensitive to the same mouse buttons. Of the screen elements listed above, only the following are selectable:

- vertical scrollbars;
- horizontal scrollbars;
- command buttons;
- menu items;
- icons depicting objects and relationships;
- quit buttons on text displays;
- confirmation buttons on alert messages;
- confirmation buttons on dialog boxes;
- topology display.

Vertical scrollbars are selected with either the left, right or middle mouse button. Clicking the left mouse button scrolls the window down. Clicking the right mouse button scrolls the window up. The amount by which the window scrolls for each mouse click depends on the position of the pointer at the time the mouse button is released: the closer to the top of the scrollbar, the smaller the increment; the closer to the bottom of the scrollbar, the larger the increment. Clicking the middle mouse button shifts the window directly to the position indicated by the pointer. In this case, the vertical position of the pointer relative to the scrollbar is interpreted as the desired position of the top of the window relative to the image over which it is scrolling. If the middle mouse button is depressed and held, the window position tracks the pointer position as the pointer is moved vertically (provided that it is moved only very slowly), giving the impression of smooth-scrolling. Note that the current position and extent of the window, with respect to the image over which it is scrolling, is indicated by the dark column within the scrollbar.

Horizontal scrollbars are selected in much the same manner as vertical scrollbars, except that they are oriented from left to right rather than from top to bottom. Clicking the left mouse button scrolls the window to the left. Clicking the right mouse button scrolls the window to the right. Just as for vertical scrollbars, the amount by which the window scrolls for each mouse click depends on the position of the pointer at the time the mouse button is released: the closer to the left of the scrollbar, the smaller the increment; the closer to the right of the scrollbar, the larger the increment. Clicking the middle mouse button shifts the window directly to the position indicated by the pointer: the horizontal position of the pointer relative to the scrollbar is interpreted as the desired position of the left of the window relative to the image over which it is scrolling. If the middle mouse button is depressed and held, the window position tracks the pointer position as the pointer is moved horizontally

(provided that it is moved only very slowly), giving the impression of smooth-scrolling. As with vertical scrollbars, the current position and extent of the window, with respect to the image over which it is scrolling, is indicated by the dark column within the scrollbar.

Command buttons are selected by clicking the left mouse button. While the pointer is positioned over a command button, the command button is displayed in reverse video (i.e., the black parts become white and the white parts become black). If the mouse button is then clicked, the command button returns to normal video and any subcommands associated with the selected command are displayed in a menu. If there are no subcommands associated with the selected command, no menu is displayed. In that event, the Reusable Graphical Browser immediately invokes a predefined application callback procedure to process the command. If no callback procedure is defined for the view's command buttons, the user's selection is reported to the application via a return from the browser_instance.browse procedure instead.

Individual items appearing in a menu are also selected by clicking the left mouse button. Whenever a menu is displayed, the user is forced to make a selection from it; all other selections are disabled. Positioning the pointer over an item in the menu causes the item's border to be highlighted. If the mouse button is then clicked, the menu is erased from the display. In that event, the Reusable Graphical Browser immediately invokes a predefined application callback procedure to process the selection. If no callback procedure is defined for the menu, the user's selection is reported to the application via a return from the browser_instance.browse procedure instead. Alternatively, the mouse button may be clicked while the pointer is positioned over the menu title (the top line of the menu). In that event, the menu is erased, but no selection is reported to the application (i.e., the menu is cancelled).

Icons depicting objects and relationships are selected in exactly the same manner as command buttons. While the pointer is positioned over one of these icons, the icon is displayed in reverse video (i.e., the black parts become white and the white parts become black). If the left mouse button is then clicked, the icon returns to normal video and the Reusable Graphical Browser immediately invokes a predefined application callback procedure to process the selection. If no callback procedure is defined for the corresponding object or relationship, the user's selection is reported to the application via a return from the browser instance browse procedure instead.

Quit buttons on text displays (labelled "QUIT") are also selected in exactly the same manner as command buttons. The effects of that selection are somewhat different, however. While the pointer is positioned over a quit button, the button is displayed in reverse video (i.e., the black parts become white and the white parts become black). If the left mouse button is then clicked, the button returns to normal video and the text window is erased. The application is not notified of the selection.

Confirmation buttons on alert messages (labelled "OK") are selected in the same manner as quit buttons on text displays, and have similar effects. One difference, though, is that the user is forced to confirm an alert message immediately; all selections other than the confirmation button are disabled until the confirmation button is selected. While the pointer

is positioned over one of these confirmation buttons, the button is displayed in reverse video (i.e., the black parts become white and the white parts become black). If the left mouse button is then clicked, the button returns to normal video and the alert message is erased. The application is not notified of the selection.

Confirmation buttons on dialog boxes are selected in the same manner as confirmation buttons on alert messages, although their effects are somewhat different. There are two such buttons, labelled "QUIT" and "OK". The purpose of the "QUIT" button is to cancel the dialog altogether; the purpose of the "OK" button is to confirm that the user's keyboard input is ready to be reported to the application. Like the confirmation buttons on alert messages, the user is forced to select a confirmation button before any other selections can be made. While the pointer is positioned over one of these confirmation buttons, the button is displayed in reverse video (i.e., the black parts become white and the white parts become black). If the left mouse button is then clicked, the button returns to normal video and the dialog box is erased. If the "QUIT" button is selected the application is not notified of the selection. In that event, the Reusable Graphical Browser immediately invokes a predefined application callback procedure to process the user's keyboard input. If no callback procedure is defined for the menu, the user's keyboard input is reported to the application via a return from the browser_instance.browse procedure instead.

The topology display can be selected by clicking the left mouse button anywhere in the topology display. The application is not notified of the selection. The effect of the selection is that the navigation rectangle centers around the selected point. Also, the main display area is updated, showing the portion of the view that is currently covered by the navigation rectangle. View navigation using the topology display can also be done using scrollbars in the topology display.

B.2 Tailoring The User Interface

There are two kinds of tailoring that can be performed with respect to the user interface: tailoring of contents and tailoring of presentation style. The latter is not supported by the Reusable Graphical Browser, per se, but rather by the underlying window system. Different window systems may support this kind of tailoring to different degrees. Tailoring of contents, on the other hand, is supported directly by the Reusable Graphical Browser, and is intended as the primary mechanism for tailoring the user interface to a particular application.

B.2.1 Contents

The features of the user interface that may be tailored using facilities provided directly by the Reusable Graphical Browser are the following:

• the title displayed for a view;

- the commands (and subcommands) displayed for a view;
- the effects of selecting a particular command (or subcommand);
- the particular objects and relationships displayed in a viewport;
- the positions of objects and relationships displayed in a viewport;
- the labels and attributes (if any) displayed for individual objects and relationships;
- the effects of selecting a particular object or relationship;
- the items in each pop-up menu;
- the object or relationship (if any) with which a pop-up menu is to be associated;
- the effects of selecting a particular item from a pop-up menu;
- the text displayed in a pop-up text window;
- the text of an alert message;
- the prompt string and input constraints for a dialog box.

The title displayed for a view is the title that is specified when the view is created. To tailor this feature, simply specify the desired title when creating the view.

The commands (and subcommands) displayed for a view are also determined when the view is created. In particular, the commands (and subcommands) are those in the command list specified for the view when the view is created. To tailor the commands (and subcommands), create the desired command list and specify it when creating the view.

The effects of selecting a particular command (or subcommand) are determined by the actions of the application callback procedure invoked by the Reusable Graphical Browser when the command (or subcommand) is selected. To tailor the effects of selecting a command (or subcommand), install the desired callback procedure for the command list before displaying a view with which the command list is associated. Note that only one callback procedure is defined for each command list; so if different effects are desired for different commands (or subcommands) in the same command list, the callback procedure must take into account which command (or subcommand) was selected.

The particular objects and relationships displayed in a viewport are determined when a view is displayed. At that time, any objects and relationships in the view that have not been suppressed are displayed in the viewport. To tailor which objects and relationships are displayed, first create the desired view by inserting and/or removing nodes and arcs. The view must then be laid out before it can be displayed. By default, all nodes and arcs in the view will be displayed when the view is displayed. If desired, however, individual nodes and arcs may be temporarily eliminated from the display by suppressing them before displaying or redisplaying the view. They may later be made to reappear by unsuppressing them and

then redisplaying the view. For convenience, a view filtering utility may be applied to the view to suppress and unsuppress some combination of nodes and arcs all at once.

The positions of objects and relationships displayed in the viewport are determined when the view is laid out. This is normally accomplished by means of a layout utility that sets the positions of individual nodes and arcs in the view. Several predefined layout utilities are provided by the Reusable Graphical Browser. They are all essentially based on the same algorithm, which is presented in reference [5]. Some of them also make use of a topological sort algorithm, which is presented in reference [2], in order to break cycles. An application is not required to use one of the predefined layout utilities; it may use some layout utility of its own, if desired. To tailor the positions of objects and relationships displayed in the viewport, simply invoke the desired layout utility to process the view. Note that it is possible to re-layout a view that has already been layed out, but the new layout does not take effect until the view is re-displayed.

The labels displayed for individual objects and relationships are determined as the view is being constructed. Note that there are several ways to construct a view: by using a utility to automatically select objects (nodes) and relationships (arcs) from an application-defined graph and insert them into the view; by using a utility to automatically copy objects and relationships from another view; or by directly inserting objects (nodes) and relationships (arcs) from an application-defined graph into the view one-at-a-time. Using the first method, the application must supply functions that determine the labels for each object and relationship. Using the second method, the labels are inherited from the source view. Using the third method, the labels must be explicitly specified as each object and relationship is inserted into the view. Consequently, the mechanism for tailoring the labels depends on which method is used to construct the view. Regardless of which method is used, specifying a null string for the label causes no label to be displayed whatsoever.

The attributes displayed for individual objects and relationships are also determined as the view is being constructed. As each node or arc is inserted into the view, the Reusable Graphical Browser invokes an application-defined function to obtain an attributes string for that node or arc. If the function returns a null string, no attributes whatsoever are displayed for the specified node or arc. To tailor the attributes, instantiate the browser with functions that return the appropriate attributes strings for each node and arc.

The effects of selecting a particular object or relationship are determined by the actions of the application callback procedure invoked by the Reusable Graphical Browser when the object or relationship is selected. One callback procedure may be defined for each object, and one for each relationship. To tailor the effects of selecting a particular object or relationship, install the desired callback procedure when constructing the view. Depending on the method used to construct the view, the callback procedure is either determined by an application-supplied function, inherited from a source view or specified explicitly as the object or relationship is inserted into the view. Note that once a callback procedure has been defined for a particular object or relationship it may be superseded by a different callback procedure, but the new callback procedure does not take effect until the view is re-displayed.

The items displayed in each pop-up menu are those specified by the application when the menu is constructed. To construct a menu, the application first creates a menu with room enough for the desired number of items and then sets the individual items as desired. Once a menu has been constructed, the individual items may be changed; the changes will be apparent the next time the menu is displayed. To tailor the pop-up menus, simply construct them and/or modify them as desired.

The object or relationship (if any) with which a pop-up menu is to be associated is determined by which procedure is used to display the pop-up menu. The Reusable Graphical Browser provides three such procedures: one associates the pop-up menu with a specified object (node); another associates the pop-up menu with a specified relationship (arc); the third does not associate the pop-up menu with any object or relationship at all.

The effects of selecting a particular item from a pop-up menu are determined by the actions of the application callback procedure invoked by the Reusable Graphical Browser when the item is selected. The same callback procedure is invoked for all items in the same menu, since there is only one callback procedure per menu. To tailor the effects of selecting an item from a pop-up menu, install the desired callback procedure for the menu before displaying the menu. Note that if different effects are desired for different items in the menu, the callback procedure must take into account which item was selected.

The text displayed in a pop-up text window is determined by the source that is specified when calling the procedure to display the text. The source may be either a text file or a text buffer. If a text file is specified, the contents of the file are displayed. If a text buffer is specified, the contents of the buffer are displayed. To tailor the text displayed in a pop-up text window, create a text file or text buffer containing the desired text and then specify it as the source for the display call.

The text of an alert message is specified explicitly when calling the procedure that displays the alert message. It is passed to that procedure as a string parameter. To tailor this text, simply pass the desired string when calling the display procedure.

The prompt string and the input constraints for a dialog box are specified explicitly when calling the procedure that displays the dialog box. They are passed as parameters to that procedure. To tailor them, simply pass the desired values when calling the display procedure.

B.2.2 Presentation Style

Tailoring of presentation style encompasses such things as changing icons, fonts, border widths, border patterns, colors (if a color display is used) and sensitivity (to user inputs) of individual widgets or groups of widgets. This kind of tailoring is accomplished by modifying the X Toolkit resource file used by the application. For applications that use the Reusable Graphical Browser, this file is named "Browser" and its directory path is indicated by the environment variable \$XAPPLRESDIR. An example of such a file is provided in the source directory for the sample application that is distributed with the Reusable Graphical Browser.

The syntax of the X Toolkit resource file is described in detail in references [3] and [4]. Basically, it is a simple text file, where each line of text specifies a value for a particular widget resource. It may also contain comment lines, which are designated by a sharp sign (#) at the beginning of the line. Each resource specification line consists of either a widget instance name or a widget class name, followed by the resource name, followed by a colon (:), followed by the resource value. Widget instance names or widget class names specify a path through the widget instance hierarchy rooted at the the application's top-level widget. The names of individual widget instances or widget instance classes in the path are separated using dot (.) notation. Alternatively, asterisks (*) may be substituted as wildcard separators that match any number of intervening widget instances in the path. Resource names, data types and default values are listed in the documentation for each individual widget class.

The following table listing shows all the widget names and classes used in the Reusable Graphical Browser.

```
Widget names and classes of the RGB widget hierarchy :
2
3
4 Name
                                                                   Class
6 bshell
                                                                   application
7
                                                                   shell
 bshell*bshell_bb
                                                                   bulletin board
9 bshell*bshell_bb*vp
                                                                   viewport
10
11 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*arc_<arc_kind>
                                                                    command
12 bshell+bshell_bb*vp*arc_attrib_<arc_kind>
                                                                    ascii string
13
    bshell*bshell_bb*vp*arc_label_<arc_kind>
                                                                    label
14
15
   bshell+bshell_bb*vp*node_<node_kind>
                                                                    command
16
    bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_attrib_<node_kind>
                                                                    ascii string
17
    bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_label_<node_kind>
                                                                    label
18
   bshell*bshell_main_bb
                                                                    bulletin board
20 bshell=bshell_main_bb*popup_alert_text_psh
                                                                    transient shell
21 bshell=bshell_main_bb+popup_alert_text_bb
                                                                    bulletin board
22 bshell*bshell_main_bb*popup_alext_text_bb*popup_alert_text_quit command
23
   bshell*bshell_main_bb*popup_alert_text_bb*popup_alert_text
                                                                    ascii string
24
25
   bshell*bshell_main_bb*poup_dialog_psh
                                                                    transient shell
26
    bshell*bshell_main_bb*poup_dialog_psh*popup_dialog
                                                                    dialog
27
28
    *popup_str_text_sh
                                                                    top level shell
    *popup_str_text_sh*popup_str_text_bb
                                                                    bulletin board
    *popup_str_text_sh*popup_str_text_bb*popup_str_text
                                                                    ascii string
```

```
31
    *popup_str_text_sh*popup_str_text_bb*popup_str_text_quit
                                                                     command
32
33
    *popup_file_text_sh
                                                                     top level shell
34
    *popup_file_text_sh*popup_file_text_bb
                                                                     bulletin board
                                                                     ascii string
    *popup_file_text_sh*popup_file_text_bb*popup_file_text
    *popup_file_text_sh*popup_file_text_bb*popup_file_text_quit
                                                                     command
37
                                                                     transient shell
38
    *menu_shell
                                                                     bulletin board
39
    *menu_shell*menu_bb
    *menu_shell*menu_bb*menu_label
                                                                     label
40
    +menu_shell+menu_bb+<menu_item_name>
                                                                     command
42
43
                                                                     transient shell
    *bb_menu_shell
    *bb_menu_shell*bb_menu_bb
                                                                     bulletin board
45
    *bb_menu_shell*bb_menu_bb*bb_menu_label
                                                                     label
46
    *bb_menu_shell*bb_menu_bb*<menu_item_name>
                                                                     command
47
48
    *node_menu_shell
                                                                     transient shell
49
                                                                     bulletin board
    *node_menu_shell*node_menu_bb
    *node_menu_shell*node_menu_bb*node_menu_label
                                                                     label
51
    *node_menu_shell*node_menu_bb*<menu_item_name>
                                                                     command
52
53
                                                                     transient shell
    *arc_menu_shell
                                                                     bulletin board
54
   *arc_menu_shell*arc_menu_bb
    *arc_menu_shell*arc_menu_bb*arc_menu_label
                                                                     label
    *arc_menu_shell*arc_menu_bb*<menu_item_name>
                                                                     command
57
58
   *outdated_flag_down
                                                                     label
    *outdated_flag_up
                                                                     label
```

The following file listing is from the Browser file, which is the resource file for the sample application distributed with the Reusable Graphical Browser.

```
13 bshell.height: 450
14
15 # initial size of the view port
16 #----
17 bshell+bshell_bb+vp.width: 300
18 bshell*bshell_bb*vp.height: 400
19
20 # initial size of the shell's bulletin board
22 ##bshell+bshell_bb.width: 700
23 ##bshell+bshell_bb.height: 500
24 bshell+bshell_bb.width: 800
25 bshell+bshell_bb.height: 600
26
27 # fix up the arcs
28 #-----
29 ##bshell*bshell_bb*vp*arc_STRUCTURAL.borderWidth: 0 -- perm set to 0 in code
30 bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_STRUCTURAL.internalHeight: 0
31
   bshell*bshell_bb*vp*arc_STRUCTURAL.internalWidth: 0
32
33 # show the arcs using bitmaps
34 #----
35 ##bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_STRUCTURAL.sensitive: false
36 ##bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_STRUCTURAL.bitmap: point.xbm
37 bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_STRUCTURAL.bitmap: smalltriangle.xbm
38
39 # set dimensions of the arcs' atribute widgets
40 #----
41 bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_attrib_STRUCTURAL.height: 30
   bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_attrib_STRUCTURAL.width: 150
43
44
   # set dimensions of the arcs' label widgets
   #-----
   ##bshell+bshell_bb*vp*arc_label_STRUCTURAL.height:20
   ##bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_label_STRUCTURAL.height:40
48
   bshell+bshell_bb+vp+arc_label_STRUCTURAL.border_width: 1
49
50
   # show the nodes using bitmaps
51 #-----
52 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_FILE.bitmap: bigsquare.xbm
53 bshell+bshell_bb+vp+node_DIRECTORY.bitmap: bigcircle.xbm
54 bshell+bshell_bb*vp*node_OTHER.bitmap: bigquestion.xbm
55
56 # set dimensions of the nodes
```

```
58
   bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_FILE.borderWidth: 1
59 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_FILE.internalWidth: 0
60 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_FILE.internalHeight: 0
61 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_DIRECTORY.borderWidth: 1
62 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_DIRECTORY.internalWidth: 0
63 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_DIRECTORY.internalHeight: 0
64 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_OTHER.borderWidth: 1
65 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_OTHER.internalWidth: 0
   bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_OTHER.internalHeight: 0
66
67
68 # set dimensions of the nodes' attributes widgets
69
70 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_attrib_FILE.height: 50
71 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_attrib_FILE.width: 100
72 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_attrib_DIRECTORY.height: 50
73
   bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_attrib_DIRECTORY.width: 100
74
75 # set dimensions of the nodes' label widgets
76 #-----
77 bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_label_FILE.borderWidth: 0
78
   bshell*bshell_bb*vp*node_label_DIRECTORY.borderWidth: 0
79
80 # set dimensions of the popup text window
   #-----
81
82 *popup_str_text_sh.width: 150
83 *popup_str_text_sh.height: 85
84 *popup_str_text.width: 150
85 *popup_str_text.height: 85
86 #
87 *popup_file_text_sh.width: 150
88 *popup_file_text_sh.height: 85
89 *popup_file_text.width: 150
90 *popup_file_text.height: 85
91 #
92 *popup_alert_text_psh.width: 300
93 *popup_alert_text_psh.height: 50
94 *popup_alert_text.width: 300
95
   *popup_alert_text.height: 50
96
97 # set dimensions of the popup dialog window
98 #-----
99 *popup_dialog_psh.width: 600
100 *popup_dialog_psh.height: 90
101 *popup_dialog.width: 600
102 *popup_dialog.height: 90
```

```
103
104
   # customize menu labels
105 #---
106 *menu_label.background: black
107 *menu_label.sensitive: false
108 *bb_menu_label.background: black
109 *bb_menu_label.sensitive: false
110 *node_menu_label.background: black
111 *arc_menu_label.background: black
112 *menu_label.foreground: white
113 *bb_menu_label.foreground: white
114 *node_menu_label.foreground: white
115 *arc_menu_label.foreground: white
116
117 # customize outdated flag icons
118 #-----
119 *outdated_flag_down.bitmap: od_flag_down.xbm
120 *outdated_flag_up.bitmap: od_flag_up.xbm
```

C Appendix: Limitations

In keeping with the goals of reuse, every effort has been made to assure that the Reusable Graphical Browser is as flexible and portable as possible. Nevertheless, it still has its limitations. These are listed below.

C.1 Capabilities Not Yet Implemented

Since the Reusable Graphical Browser is not yet complete, there are a number of limitations arising from unimplemented or partially-implemented capabilities. The current plan is to eventually eliminate these limitations:

- Mechanisms for synchronization of multiple views (e.g., user-selectable refresh) are not yet supported.
- Interactive editing capabilities are not yet fully supported although interactive deletion of objects and relationships is supported.
- Incremental re-layout and re-display of a view is not yet supported.

C.2 Limitations On Existing Capabilities

Some of the capabilities that have already been implemented also have limitations on their use:

- Before any menus can be displayed, a view must first be displayed.
- Before a view can be displayed, it must be laid out; all of its nodes and arcs must be assigned coordinates, and its orientation must be set.
- View layouts are constrained to a coordinate space having dimensions 32767 x 32767; the coordinates (0,0) are reserved to indicate un-laid-out nodes and arcs.
- Dialog box (text) input is limited to a single line of no more than 100 characters.

C.3 Potential Problems

The following problems are known to exist in this version of the Reusable Graphical Browser:

• A CONSTRAINT_ERROR exception may occur during display of a view (particularly if the view is large or if vertical layout orientation is used). This is due to node and arc coordinates exceeding the pixel address range supported by the X window system. Possible workarounds include the following:

- use horizontal layout instead of vertical layout.
- specify smaller x_pad and/or y_pad values when calling the layout procedure.
- use smaller fonts and/or icons for displaying the nodes and arcs (these can be changed via the resource file, without recompiling the application).
- construct views having fewer nodes and/or arcs to begin with.

There is no fix for this problem. It is inherent in the implementation of the X window system and the X Toolkit.

- Arc depictions (icons, labels, etc.) may overlap on the screen. This is caused by current limitations in the layout algorithm. A workaround is to change the sizes of the node and/or arc widget depictions (icons, labels, etc.), via the resource file, such that the arc depictions take up less space on the screen than the depictions of their destination nodes depictions. An alternative workaround is to use larger x_pad and/or y_pad values when calling the layout procedure.
- A view's pop-up and text windows are not necessarily erased when the view is erased. Similarly, they are not necessarily raised, lowered or iconified along with the view's main window. This problem is currently being investigated.
- I/O Error (Broken Pipe) may occur when resizing a viewport to a larger size. This problem seems to occur most often when the view contains many nodes and arcs and their attributes are integrated with the display. This problem is also being investigated. It is most likely an Xlib or X Server problem, since it is caused by loss of the socket connection between the application and the X server.
- The scrollbars are missing from the attribute (text) displays that are integrated with the screen layout. It was necessary to remove them in order to work around a bug in the X Toolkit.
- If the cursor is positioned too close to the edge of the screen when a pop-up dialog box is displayed, the dialog box's buttons may end up being displayed off screen. Since the user is forced to select one of these buttons before proceeding, the browser is effectively hung.
- Limitation: before any menus may be displayed, a view must first be displayed. If this limitation is violated, a CONSTRAINT_ERROR is raised. Application developers that wish to display menus before displaying a view may work around this limitation by first creating and displaying an empty view.

C.4 Compiler Dependencies

Although it was intended that the code for the Reusable Graphical Browser be compiler-independent, certain compiler dependencies were unavoidable. For one, the naming conventions used for the source files are compiler-dependent. For another, certain implementation-dependent pragmas (e.g., pragma interface) were used in constructing the Ada bindings to

the X library routines (Xlib). Consequently, the source files may have to be renamed and/or modified slightly in order to compile with a different compilation system.

Furthermore, Tools constructed from the Reusable Graphical Browser may not function properly if compiled by an Ada compiler whose parameter passing conventions are incompatible with those of the C compiler used to compile the file "call_ada.c". This is because a C language routine (whose source is in call_ada.c) is used to implement the callback mechanism described in Section 2. For example, such incompatibilities have been observed in the Sun-3 UNIX environment between the Alsys Ada compiler and the Sun C compiler.

C.5 X Toolkit Version Dependencies

The Reusable Graphical Browser has a version dependency on the X Toolkit. It uses Version 2.4 of the MIT X Toolkit: Ada Language Interface developed by UNISYS. It may not be fully compatible with later releases of that product, depending on the degree to which those later releases differ from Version 2.4. Furthermore, since the Toolkit is dependent on Version 11, Release 3 of the X window system (X11R3), there is an implied dependence of the Reusable Graphical Browser on X11R3 as well.

D Appendix: Acronyms

The following acronyms are used in this manual:

BSD Berkeley System Distribution

OMS Object Management System

VADS Verdix Ada Development System

X11R3 X Window System, Version 11, Release 3

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